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SECRET OF CRIPPLING RAID ON ITALY'S NAVY

TARANTO GETS SECOND DOSE

Smarting under their previous disastrous experience of a British raid, ships' guns and port batteries at Taranto opened a terrific barrage when R.A.F. bombers arrived on Wednesday night.

The visitors, however, proceeded with their programme and spotting warships in the harbour in the clear moonlight night, they swooped down from the eastern part to the main docks in the inner harbour which were heavily bombed with high explosives and incendiaries.

At one time seven big fires were blazing together.

On returning, the pilots reported that naval oil tanks and destroyer pens were hit and that one stick of high explosives fell along a wall of the docks where destroyers were tied up.

One of the raiders when on his way home, saw Taranto lighted up by an immense flash from an exceptionally great explosion.—Reuter.

LORRAINE EVENTS STIR VICHY

Expulsion of French-speaking inhabitants from Lorraine has been proceeding at the rate of seven trainloads daily.

According to a communiqué issued in Vichy yesterday, "The German authorities in Lorraine invited French-speaking inhabitants to choose between being transferred to Poland or being sent to France."

"Our compatriots have chosen France. Since November 11, their expulsion has been proceeding at the rate of five to seven trainloads daily."

"Unauthorized quarters have stated that this is in accordance with an agreement between the French and German governments."

"The French Government gives the most formal denial to this suggestion. No measure of this kind was ever discussed in the Franco-German talks."

"The French Government has drawn the German Armistice

SPITFIRE SQUADRON'S TRIUMPH

Twelve Spitfires of one squadron destroyed 13 of the 15 Junkers dive-bombers brought down yesterday, according to the Air Ministry News Service.

They were evidently attempting to attack Dover Harbour.—Reuter.

STUKAS RUN RIGHT INTO MESS

Thirteen enemy dive-bombers and one fighter were destroyed off the South-East Coast of England yesterday before they could make any attack, announces the Air Ministry and Ministry for Home Security.

The single heavy bomber which crossed the coast yesterday morning was immediately shot down. Two British fighters are missing but the pilot of one is safe.

Four More Later

Four more enemy aircraft were shot down yesterday, according to latest reports given in an Air Ministry communiqué.

This makes 19 destroyed altogether. It is also confirmed that two enemy bombers were destroyed on Wednesday night. Both pilots are now safe of the two British fighter planes which were lost.—Reuter.

FRENCH WOMEN'S CORPS

French women in Britain are to form a special corps to help the Free French cause.

It will be equivalent to the British Women's Auxiliary Services and member will principally act as cooks, clerks, typists and chauffeurs, relieving men of the Free French Forces for active service.—Reuter.

Commission's attention to these facts.—Reuter.

Concentrated Torpedo Attack From Massed Machines

By Ralph Walling, Reuter's Air Correspondent.

I AM ABLE TO GIVE THE FIRST AUTHORITATIVE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BRILLIANT ACTION AT TARANTO, FROM TALKS WITH THE BEST INFORMED NAVAL CIRCLES.

It is possible to say for instance that the raid produced a startlingly successful consummation of 'planes which had been prepared for several weeks before.

From the information so far available, the aircraft-carriers "Eagle" and "Illustrious" (the latter mentioned for the first time as having been brought into commission) are believed to have stopped, under cover of darkness, almost in the mouth of the Gulf of Taranto.

Here torpedo-carrying aircraft were hauled up to the flight deck and made ready for a daring, unprecedented adventure.

The Italians had to be surprised and to gain the maximum possible effect the attack had to be delivered by many planes as could possibly concentrate on the target at one time.

This entailed takes-off in rapid succession and probably formation flying in groups of at least half a dozen planes.

Afterwards the planes were required to enter formation again to find their floating base and land on the aircraft-carriers.

Greatest Skill

For all this to be accomplished in darkness, without giving away the presence of the aircraft-carriers required the greatest skill of well-trained pilots.

The character of the damage inflicted on the Italian battleships indicates that torpedoes chiefly were used, hitting the warships below water at their most thinly protected points as they released their torpedoes towards the darkened sides of battleships and cruisers, looming through the moonlight.

All but two of the attacking planes made a happy landing on the deck of their mother ships and their crews were delighted beyond measure at the success of the first major aerial torpedo attack of this war.—Reuter.

Italian Communiqué

The Italians admitted the attack in a communiqué yesterday and also mentioned raids on Bolo-

gna and Durazzo, Cagliari, and the island of Pantellaria, half-way between Malta and North Africa.

The Italians have not yet said anything about the attack on a convoy in the Straits of Otranto, in which one Italian supply ship was sunk, two set on fire, a fourth damaged and the two escorting destroyers sent flying home, one of them damaged.—Reuter.

Refrigeration manufacturers have made tremendous strides in assisting the housewife to achieve correct and scientific preservation of foods. Year by year scientific research in refrigeration has made the task of preserving food easier, more reliable and more efficient. And this year new developments have appeared on the market that offer the housewife revolutionary improvements in home refrigeration.

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RUMANIAN FORCES DE-MOBBED

RUMANIAN ARMED FORCES, MOBILISED AT THE TIME OF THE CESSION OF BESSARABIA AND NORTHERN BUKOVINA TO THE SOVIET, ARE BEING DEMOBILISED UNDER A DECREE ISSUED BY THE PRIME MINISTER. GENERAL ANTONESCU, SAYS A BUCHAREST MESSAGE TO THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY.

The demobilisation begins at 2 p.m. to-day.

The decree was signed by General Antonescu before he left for his visit to Rome but was not published until yesterday.

The message adds that the Rumanian Minister for Defence is authorised to call up reservists and make requisitions in case of need.—Reuter.

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HITLER'S FAILURE INDICATED

Vaguely Worded Communique Viewed As Eloquent

Could Mean Anything Or Nothing

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

OPINION IN LONDON is that if Hitler had achieved the diplomatic success for which he, no doubt, hoped from the Molotov visit, such as the adherence of Russia to the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Alliance, he would have loudly proclaimed the fact to the world.

The communique issued by the Germans after the visit of the Soviet statesman was, however, extremely vague and could mean anything either side like to read into it or out of it. It seems unlikely, therefore, that Hitler dreams have yet come true.

The cautious wording used would suggest that, in his main object, dictated by the growing British power in the Eastern Mediterranean, Greek resistance and obstinacy from Vichy, Hitler has failed to achieve anything spectacular and that M. Molotov has returned home having conceded little to his important neighbour in the political field.

There has no doubt been an attempt by the Germans to increase the industrial help which the Soviet Union might give Germany. Hitler has reason to be dissatisfied with the help that Russia has been giving him in this direction.

Feeling The Pinch

Germany is feeling the pinch of the British blockade and the effects of the almost nightly bombing of industrial centres and oil plants. No doubt she would be very glad if she could arrange for her planes and munitions to be made somewhere away from the attentions of the R.A.F.

Whether Germany has succeeded in this object only time will show. Doubtless the Germans would like to score a diplomatic victory to offset the re-election of President Roosevelt, the increasing aid to Britain of the United States and the poor performances of their Italian ally in Greece.

These reasons are now greatly reinforced by the crippling blow dealt to Italy's fleet by the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Navy.

Neutral Comment

According to Stockholm messages, publication of the results of M. Molotov's visit to Berlin will be withheld until a later date.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter" deduces from M. Molotov's satisfied air that it indicates that a general agreement has been reached, and also that the Russian attitude towards Britain has been fixed.

Russian circles in Berlin, says the correspondent, consider that it is now evident that Anglo-Russian collaboration is not likely, but they do not believe Russia is inclined to join the Three-Power Alliance in its present stage.

Outside Conflict

She will apparently continue to keep herself outside the conflict, though quite willing to see more "capitalistic" States involved.

The correspondent adds that it is believed in these circles that Germany's efforts are directed towards making Russia a source of supply, counter-balancing America's supplies of materials to Britain. — Reuter.

First Soviet Comment

"The most significant event of recent days" is the description of M. Molotov's visit to Berlin given in the newspaper "Red Star" in

Moscow yesterday. This is the first Russian paper to comment on the visit.

The "Red Star" says: "German and Italian newspapers declare that the visit is of first-class importance. Doubtless, the renewal of personal contact and friendly exchange of opinions with the leaders of German policy, will promote, strengthen and develop German-Soviet relations in the interests of both countries." — Reuter.

No Immediate Results

The German Radio yesterday said that Ribbentrop has had conversations during the past few days with the Japanese and Turkish Ambassadors.

Unofficial Berlin circles say that there will be no immediate results from the Hitler/Molotov talks and hint at another meeting between Hitler and Mussolini. — Reuter.

'IRON RATION' LIVING SCALE

A new cost-of-living index figure, based on the "iron rations" necessary to maintain life in wartime, is being prepared by Ministry of Labour experts.

Work has been postponed on the up-to-date index, which was nearing completion when war broke out.

The "iron ration" will consist mainly of essential foodstuffs, now being kept at a reasonable level by Government subsidy.

It is the intention of the Government to continue to keep these commodities from rising, whatever the cost to the Exchequer.

Other goods will be allowed to rise in price. Indications are that the increases will be extremely steep.

Problem Of Wages

It will be for the Government to decide, in consultation with trade union and employers' representatives, whether the "iron ration" index shall be used to govern the many wage rates dependent on movements in the present cost of living figure.

There are many indications that pressure will soon be exerted on the Government to stop further increases in wages. There may also be a repetition of the demand for a scheme of compulsory savings.

Recently the National Arbitration Board has shown its renunciation of the burden imposed by the higher living costs by awarding increases to trade unions claiming higher wages.

This tendency has caused alarm in some circles, where it is stressed that general increases in wages must lead to even higher prices.

The sudden enthusiasm in the Conservative Party for "family allowances" is not unconnected with these developments.

WIFE MUST MAKE GOOD APPLE SAUCE

Five thousand women — and none of them can make apple sauce.

This is part of the complaint of Joseph Cronan, 50-year-old farmer, who has spent the past three years advertising for a wife to keep house for him so he can run his farm.

In response to his ads, Cronan says he has received about 5,000 replies from women eager to share his life on a 180 acre farm — "one of the best in the state." But none of the would-be brides suit him.

Cronan admits his standards may be high, but at the same time he thinks middle-aged women lack ability. "None of them can make applesauce," he means.

The applesauce question is important because Cronan likes "good eats and I want a woman who can cook while I run the farm." Unable to find his ideal by himself, Cronan offered \$100 to the person who introduces him to the "right woman."

"I test them out with sponge cake recipes," he says, "and if they tell me they sift the flour or beat the eggs, then I drop them right away."

The applicants for positions as Cronan's wife don't get a personal interview or the sponge cake test by answering his ads. The first thing they receive is a penny postcard with a questionnaire composed by Cronan to ease the burden of his extensive correspondence.

The recipient of the card is informed abruptly of Cronan's position with the remarks: "No car-fares. No expenses paid." Not going to your town.

After introduction on the questionnaire begins. "Are you peniless. Give ability, exp. gen. view life and your wants. Are you the usual lazy woman, poor cook, saucy? Send photo. Are you lame, deaf, ailments, etc. State faults. Are you of good disposition. Age, height, weight. Write life history or call; cig., liquor user not wanted. No argument wanted. Send samples bread made by you."

HOME ON ONE ENGINE

Through good piloting and navigation the Captain of a Royal Air Force bomber recently landed safely with his crew after his aircraft had been severely damaged by intense anti-aircraft fire. The main opposition was encountered during an attack on enemy oil tanks which were well alight when the bomber arrived over its target.

At a height of 2,000 feet shells and bullets hit the port wing, the port tank, the fuselage, and the port engine. In spite of this the bomber continued to circle the target, and eventually dropped its bombs among the blazing tanks, from which smoke was rising to a height of at least 3,000 feet. Searchlights also held the aircraft for some minutes.

On the way home one of the rear gunners reported that petrol was beginning to enter his cockpit and soon afterwards it became obvious that there was very little petrol left in the port tank.

"When we were 8,000 feet up and well over the North Sea," the Captain said, "the port engine began to splutter, and eventually stopped altogether. With only one engine working it was impossible to maintain height or speed and we soon found ourselves down to 600 feet."

"We kept going however, and in a short time we saw the English cliffs in front of us. Our air speed was now reduced to 90 m.p.h. but we managed to clear the cliffs and came to rest in a field. We all scrambled out little the worse for our adventure."

DEFENCE NEEDS ABOVE AN M.P.'S PRIVILEGES

Members of Parliament are not exempted by privilege of parliament from detention under the Defence Regulations.

This principle was upheld by the Committee of Privileges in their report published in London yesterday, which stated that the detention of Captain Ramsay does not constitute a breach of privilege of the House of Commons. — Reuter.

BROADCAST DURING RAIDS

A letter praising British broadcasting during air raids, printed in the "New York Times" has provoked further correspondence on the subject. Writing from Charlottesville, Virginia, H. Van der Goes says:

"For some time past I have listened as often as possible to the nightly programmes of the B.B.C. Although I know the English well, I have not yet got over a certain feeling of amazement at the calm and good humour that pervade these broadcasts.

"I feel also that when I listen to their news items I am getting as true a picture of the war as from any other source. I am perfectly aware that certain events are suppressed for strategic reasons, but I am convinced that truth is the aim of these broadcasts and that reliance may be placed in them. "Losses and damage are freely admitted, and there is no sign of the hysteria which unfortunately seems to attack some of the news reporters on the radio in this country."

CANADIANS MISSING IN JERVIS BAY

Among the men missing from the gallant merchant cruiser Jervis Bay are 13 seamen from the Royal Canadian Navy. — Reuter.

COUNT CSAKY ON HUNGARY'S COURSE

COUNT CSAKY, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, stated in Budapest yesterday in the Chamber of Deputies that not only the Government Party but most of the Opposition were in agreement with Government's pro-Axis policy.

Count Csaky added that Hungary was not only a non-belligerent state, she had not only maintained her frontiers but had extended them with the support of Italy and Germany.

He said the elevation of Hungary was a consequence of the rise of the Axis powers.

Hungary was the first to make way to consolidate the position she attained which was made easier by existing large measure of agreement.

This gained extra importance because in the new Europe the life of smaller nations would be determined not by relations between themselves but by their relations with the great Powers. — Reuter.

NO SIGN OF JITTERS IN TURKEY

The Turks are showing no signs of intimidation despite the probability that Turkey and Greece were very much in the picture at M. Molotov's conversations in Berlin, according to Spanish newspaper correspondents in Berlin.

It is stated that Turkey is becoming increasingly pro-British and that "it is not to be doubted that the Turkish Embassy in Berlin is playing every possible card with skill and coolness."

In Spain, the prevailing view is that the talks have a two-fold object; firstly, Germany wishes to induce Russia to exercise sufficient pressure on Turkey to enable the Germans to have a freer hand in the Balkans, and secondly, Germany desires to obtain Russia's adherence to the "two continent bloc." — Reuter.

GERMAN DIVISION IN SPAIN?

GERMANY HAS A WHOLE DIVISION IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES IN SPAIN AND AN "ATTACK ON GIBRALTAR IS A LIKELY EVENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE," STATED COLONEL FRANK KNOX, UNITED STATES NAVY MINISTER, IN A POWERFUL SPEECH IN BOSTON, ADVOCATING INCREASED ATTENTION TO NATIONAL DEFENCE.

Colonel Knox expressed the view that if the Axis were successful against Gibraltar, they might make attempts to move down into South Africa.

Concerning United States preparedness, Colonel Knox stated that the American Fleet was "the strongest to-day that floats — it is not only stronger but, thank God, it is ready." — Reuter.

HOLLAND FINANCING WAR EFFORT

The Dutch Government, in addition to paying for its own armed forces now fighting with Britain, is also meeting the cost of all equipment for the Dutch fighting forces.

In order to increase revenue, an appeal has been made to Dutchmen all over the world to pay voluntary "income tax" the proceeds from which are expected to cover the cost of the essential services of the Government. — Reuter.

The Italian Retreat Continues

Greek Advance On The Entire Front

EVERY MAN VOLUNTEERED

The important work of British railways in carrying supplies to all parts of the country is continued under all hazards.

On one of the railway lines it was revealed recently they had some trouble. Near a main line signal box, nesting close to the up-line, lay a heavy bomb, waiting to explode, writes the "Daily Express."

Military experts examined the place cautiously soon after the Luftwaffe raid passed over. They gave their verdict:—"The bomb liable to go off any moment. It will probably blow up both lines. You had better close the whole section until then."

Railway officials cursed and chafed. In signal boxes up and down the line bells rang urgently telling of freight trains hurrying to pass.

Past The Bomb

The officials held a brief consultation in the nearest depot and decided to see if any driver and fireman would risk taking a train past the bomb.

First, with infinite caution, they shunted a line of thirty high-sided wagons loaded with coal along the up-line to give some protection from blast.

Then they asked for volunteers. Every driver and fireman in the depot came forward. From that moment rank and file railwaymen took charge.

As the first freight train reached the dangerous section it was stopped and a volunteer crew climbed on board.

They explained about the bomb and prepared to take over. "Not so fast," interrupted the regular driver. "This is our train. Bomb or no bomb, we take it through."

So they took the train on the down line past the coal trucks where the bomb lay waiting to blow them up. They got through.

A second, third and fourth train arrived, and exactly the same thing happened. The regular crew refused to let any one else do the job.

Twenty-four heavy freight trains, every one with its own driver, fireman and guard went past the bomb. The volunteers had nothing to do.



CAN'T SLEEP NIGHTS?

A hot cup of Cocomalt before retiring induces sound and restful sleep.



2APB2

THE ITALIANS have continued to retreat in the Pindus sector and are now back in Albania, where they began, according to information reaching London last night. The Greeks are still rounding up remnants of the routed Alpini Division.

Maintenance of the Greek advance was officially confirmed in London yesterday, where it was stated that Greek infantry have reached the Albanian frontier about two miles north-east of Konitsa. Operations are continuing.

The Italians are also still retreating on the Adriatic coast, in the Epirus sector, where the Greeks have advanced in front of Mazaraki and are still pushing the Fascists back to the Kalamas River.

An Athens message says that Greek bombers have attacked the aerodrome at the Albanian city of Koritza, destroying several planes on the ground and shooting down one Italian bomber. — Reuter.

British Aid

COMMENTING ON AXIS PROPAGANDA WHICH IS SNEERING AT BRITISH HELP FOR GREECE, THE ATHENS NEWSPAPER "HESTIA" POINTS OUT THAT ONLY WHEN HOSTILITIES BEGAN DID GREECE ASK FOR BRITISH ASSISTANCE.

The paper acidly comments:—"Although Britain and Italy both guaranteed the integrity of Greece, Britain alone honoured her signature!" — Reuter.

FOOD FOR ALL IN EUROPE

The problem of Europe's food supplies during the coming winter continues to arouse interest, particularly in the United States. Mr. Hoover has sought to revive the machinery of 1914-18, whereby his organisation distributed in Belgium food from the United States.

Complete data of supplies in Germany and German-occupied territory are obviously lacking, but this much may be said with a reasonable degree of certainty.

Even without shipments from America, supplies of food are just adequate, provided that Germany organises a Europe-wide system of distribution, ranging from the Bay of Biscay to the Balkans. But such an organisation might well cut across her lines of military communication and supply.

Onus On Germany

Germany claims to hold a reserve of 7,000,000 tons of bread-grains, and the occupied territories probably contain another 2,000,000 or 3,000,000 tons. This excludes the present harvest.

If Germany is prepared to distribute these equally, there need be no worse bread rationing for anyone in Europe than there is in Germany to-day.

Fats may be a more difficult question. Germany has some reserves, and she can draw on home production and imports from the Balkans. But if Germany maintains her present rations, and gives France and Belgium, for

CONTINUED R.A.F. ATTACKS ON ALBANIAN PORTS

LONG-RANGE BOMBERS of the Royal Air Force continue their attacks on the principal Italian ports being used as supply bases for the Albanian front, states the Air Ministry.

Other aircraft last night attacked Durazzo and were guided to their target by a fire started the previous night which was still burning fiercely.

Further damage was caused to this important Albanian port. Valona was bombed and ammunition dumps and motor-transport concentrations hit.

The aerodrome at Argyrokastron, in southern Albania, was raided on Wednesday. One large blaze and two smaller fires were started and two enemy aircraft on the ground were damaged.

In the western desert, Sidi Barrani, Berka, Bardia and further west, Benghazi were all raided and considerable damage done.

At Berka, a large fire was started as a result of an attack on the barracks.

At Benghazi, ships moored were bombed. Numerous reconnaissance raids were carried out over enemy territory in all war areas of the Middle East. From all these operations all our aircraft returned safely. — Reuter.

example, half the German ration, Germany's stocks may be exhausted by the end of the winter. But fats can be turned at will into either foods or explosives.

Unwelcome Trade

If we allow fats to be imported into Germany, she will try to re-export them to England in the form of explosives, with bombs as containers. We cannot be expected to tolerate trade of that kind.

Actually Belgium, and to a certain extent Holland, had been quietly accumulating stocks of food ever since the Munich crisis. Normandy and Brittany must be stocked with butter and eggs. The difficulty here is the breakdown of communications with unoccupied France south of the Loire.

There may be short commons for Europe, but this is very different from famine. The real onus is on Germany, to distribute evenly the supplies which are already in Europe to-day.

STARTLING KENNEDY INTERVIEW

President Roosevelt has declined to accept the resignation of Mr. William Bullitt, as United States Ambassador to France.

In an announcement yesterday, Mr. Bullitt says he submitted his resignation on November 7, but the President intimated that he wished him to remain in office.

Earlier in the day it had been reported in Washington that Mr. Bullitt might be offered the post of Ambassador in London in succession to Mr. Joseph Kennedy, whose interview in Boston, in which he is reported to have said that democracy in Britain is dead and which has been strongly condemned, is considered to have destroyed his official usefulness.

Mr. Kennedy himself is obviously not anxious to return to London. — Reuter.

SHELTERS INCUBATE IDEAS

Dealing with the night bomber has become a matter of keen personal interest to British civilians. They are full of bright suggestions.

For the layman has plenty of time in the shelters to do his own thinking. The result is that technical experts are presented with the most amazing range of proposals.

Illuminating the sky so fighter planes can tackle bombers with greater precision than the anti-aircraft gunners can attain is a major suggestion. Typical of these recommendations is that magnesium parachute flares, fitted with reflectors capable of throwing rays over a wide area, should be fired up from guns, or that special high-flying machines should release slowly descending flares from above the bombers.

Other ingenious propositions range from shooting aerial mines attached to parachutes in the path of enemy aircraft to filling the air with fine dust that would immobilise Nazi engines.

Other notions with something of a Jules Verne stamp on them are planes with hanging cables a thousand feet long, "ramming" devices attached to fighter machines, and searchlights with wide-angled beams mounted on special aircraft. More feasible might appear a plan of setting a lofty balloon barrage with special high-altitude gas bags.

Doubtless great technical difficulties are attached to all or most of these imaginative recommendations, but they do at least convey the idea that the British public has been giving the matter its "very best attention."

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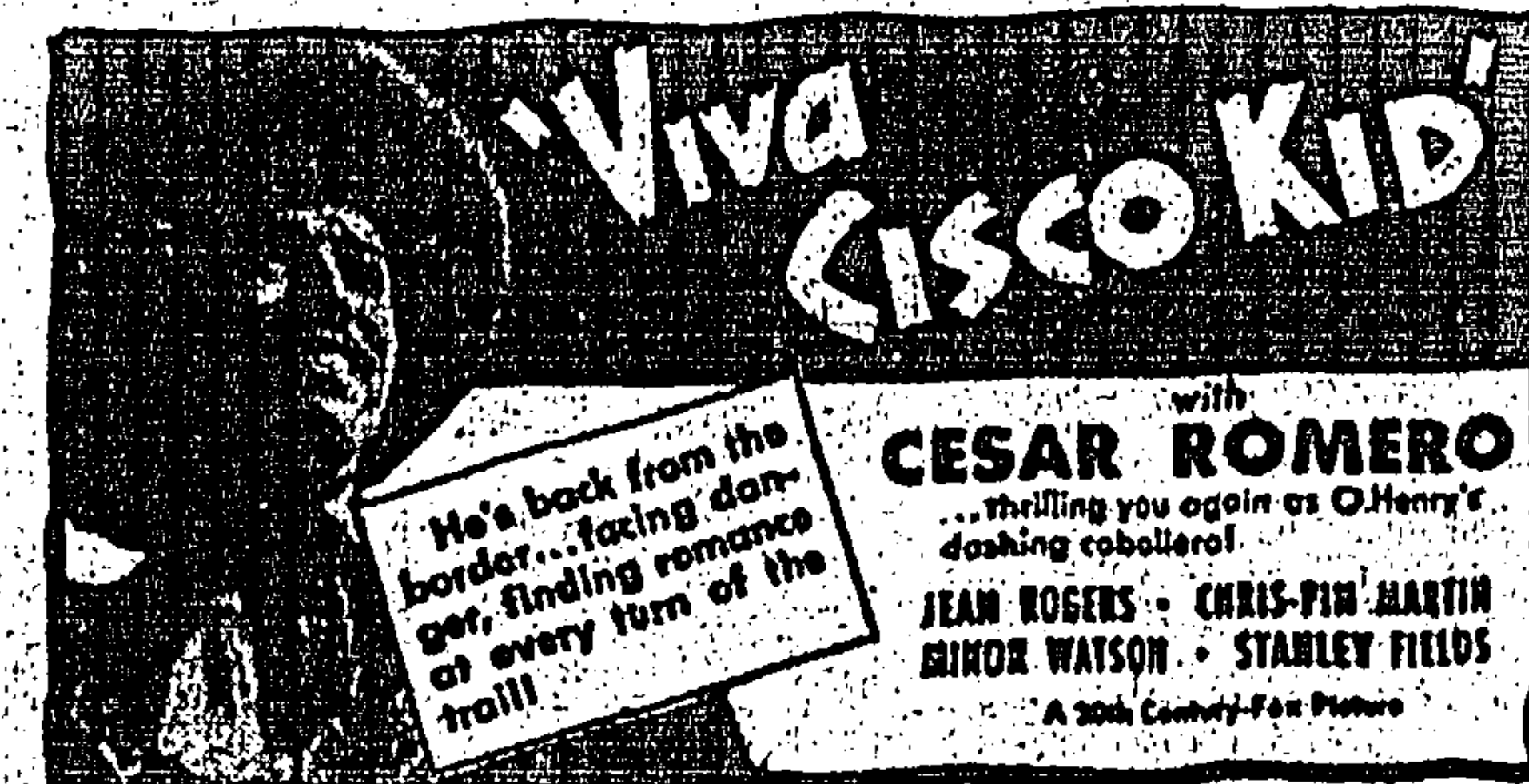
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(By Reuter's Military Correspondent)

IN THE PAST FEW DAYS EVENTS, BOTH
NAVAL AND MILITARY, IN THE MEDITER-
RANEAN, HAVE MADE A DEFINITE CHANGE
TOWARDS THE NEW BALANCE OF POWER.

In no country will the change be seen
more quickly than in Egypt where the battle
of Taranto particularly will have repercus-
sions.

Whereas up till recently, the threat to
Alexandria seemed immediate, now on land
as well as sea, the balance appears to be turn-
ing the other way.

It is now clear that when Italy
declared war on Greece she was
strong enough for an immediate
offensive. Her Koritz divisions
alone included 24,000 veteran Al-
pinis. They were later joined by
the Centaurie division of tanks
and motor-cycle units—a total of
25,000 picked men.

These divisions are now strug-
gling through the Pindus gorges
in a demoralised state. Whether
or not the Greeks can continue
their local successes and capture
Koritz, the entire situation in the
Adriatic has already been altered
in the Allies' favour.

Italian Morale

The same may be said of Africa.
The fall of Gallabat was well
timed with the Taranto action al-
though its influence may be small-
er on the strategic plan.

What must be even more dis-
turbng to the Italian morale is
the continual British naval air
force attacks on Benghazi and To-
bruk.

The Italian Army at Libya
depends for its supplies on sea-
borne traffic and drums of oil
and water, laboriously amassed.
will not last indefinitely in
Libya, Abyssinia and Somal-
land. If sea communications are
denied.

It is too soon yet to be opti-
mistic about the British situation
in the Middle East. General Wavell
has a tremendous task ahead.
Nevertheless, this week's opera-
tions have helped greatly towards
his final goal.—Reuter

SLEPT SOUNDLY— NEAR BOMB

Ronald Wrightson, nineteen-
year-old Merchant Navy cadet,
slept peacefully at his parents'
home in a London district when
he came home on leave.

The previous night an attempt
had been made to bomb his ship,
and Ronald had been on duty at
his gun station. He had travelled
throughout the day and was tired.

He was not surprised when he
found that his parents were out.
They were not expecting him.
A.A. shell splinters were falling,
so he broke in through a win-
dow. After a meal he went to
sleep.

When he got up he went to the
front door and looked out on a
deserted street.

A warden saw him and shout-
ed. Ronald ran.

There was an unexploded
bomb in front of the Wright-
son home. The district had
been cleared, and the bomb was
expected to explode at any
minute.

"I don't suppose I should have
slept so soundly if I had known,"
said Ronald.

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ered absolutely necessary for the
dimensions of many London
streets.

They pump 500 to 750 gallons
of water per minute. The best the
big one can do is 1,000 gallons.

Some of the midget engines are
self-propelled. The rest are tow-
ed by the larger trucks, or, where
these are lacking, by taxicabs.

CAPTAIN RAMSAY'S CASE

The detention of Cap-
tain Ramsay, M.P., who
was arrested under the
Defence Regulations last
May, has been the subject
of an investigation by the
Committee of Privileges
of the House of Commons,
and the committee issued
its report yesterday after-
noon.

The Committee states that it is
of the opinion that the detention
of Captain Ramsay under Regula-
tion 18-B is not a breach of the
privileges of the House.

It found no support for the view
that an M.P. escaped by privilege
from detention under the Defence
Regulations of 1939.

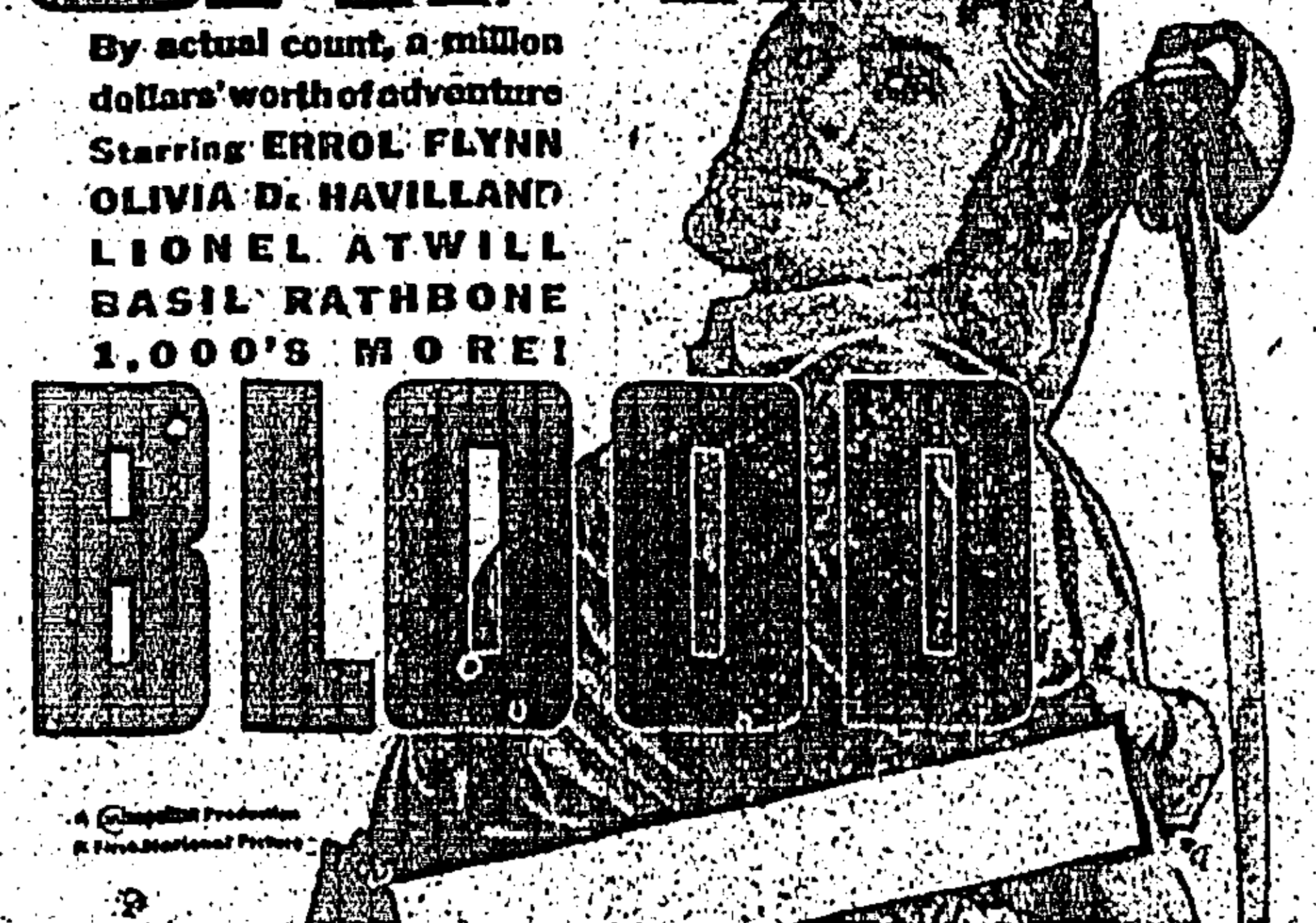
In his evidence, Captain Ram-
say, in connection with an allega-
tion by another M.P. that he had
been appointed "Gaulleter" for
Scotland, said that "there is not
a shred of truth in that statement."
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WHEN 'GAS' WAS JUST WASTE

It's hard to believe in this day of gas-eating automobiles, but there was a time when gasoline was a waste product. The oil industry didn't know what to do with it. Think of that, next time you watch the clock hand on the filling station gas tank whirl merrily around—clink-clink.

Yes sir. A model of the first oil refinery built by the late John D. Rockefeller is on exhibit at the Field Museum of Natural History here. When Mr. Rockefeller built the original in 1863, at Cleveland, Ohio, oil refineries were chiefly interested in making kerosene for lamps, the museum says. This done, great quantities of gasoline remained as a by-product. And, what to do with it?

There were no automobiles, no aeroplanes, farm tractors, motorships, nor many of the other modern day contraptions that run by internal combustion.

The first refinery ever built, says Henry W. Nichols, Chief Curator of Geology at the Museum, was manufactured eight years previously, in 1855. Primitive in construction, it produced a kerosene that sold for \$1.25 a gallon.

GIANT "FLASHES" FOR AIR PHOTOS?

Giant photographic flash bulbs of an estimated 1,000,000 candle power each provided the illumination by which Army fliers photographed Rochester from the air Oct. 9 in what was said to have been the first major test of night aerial photography in history.

Secret in content and operation, the bombs were dropped from an aeroplane flying at 5,000 feet. Each time one exploded a synchronised camera flashed a picture and then rolled up its own film by means of a complicated photoelectric cell device.

The experiments were conducted by U. S. Army men under Maj. George W. Goddard, Army photographic research chief, who has been working with physicists from the Eastman Kodak Company. They marked the culmination of experiments worked out by Major Goddard over a period of 14 years.

"Five-Mile Square"

The photographic device, Major Goddard revealed, permitted the camera shutter to operate when

the flash bulb was at its peak of illumination. The flash, he said, illuminated a five-mile-square area sufficiently for photographic purposes, and provided light equal to that of the sun when it is on the horizon.

Eastman Kodak physicists measured light intensity of the bombs from the roof of one of their buildings as the bombs burst over the city with resounding noises. They measured "candle power in the billions," but the exact power of each bomb remained a military secret.

Practical results of the experiments, Major Goddard said, should be opportunity for Army fliers to photograph enemy objectives and troop movements under cover of night. So intense is the flash of each bomb, the observing plane is kept invisible from ground batteries.

"Daylight" In A Bulb

"There have been times in the history of the world when an hour more of daylight would have changed the tide of battle and, in turn, influenced the sweep of history," Major Goddard said. "We now have that daylight in this light bulb."

Only one five thousandth of a second expires between the time the bomb bursts and the camera shutter operates. All the apparatus in the plane works automatically, calling only for a flip of the hand to take a new picture.

Major Goddard envisaged the time when night photographs would be developed aloft and their results radioed to home bases.

R.A.F. CAN TAKE MORE MEN

The remarkable speed-up in the production of aircraft and the expansion of training facilities are now enabling the Royal Air Force to enrol many more men for air crews.

Pilot candidates can in future be accepted between the ages of eighteen and thirty. Hitherto the upper age limit has been twenty-eight. The upper limit for observers and wireless operator-air gunners remains thirty-two.

Unregistered men over eighteen years of age who are fit and intelligent and possess dash and initiative may apply for air crew service to the R.A.F. section of the nearest combined recruiting centre.

Men over twenty who have already registered but have not yet been posted to another service may still express their preference for air crew duties in the R.A.F.

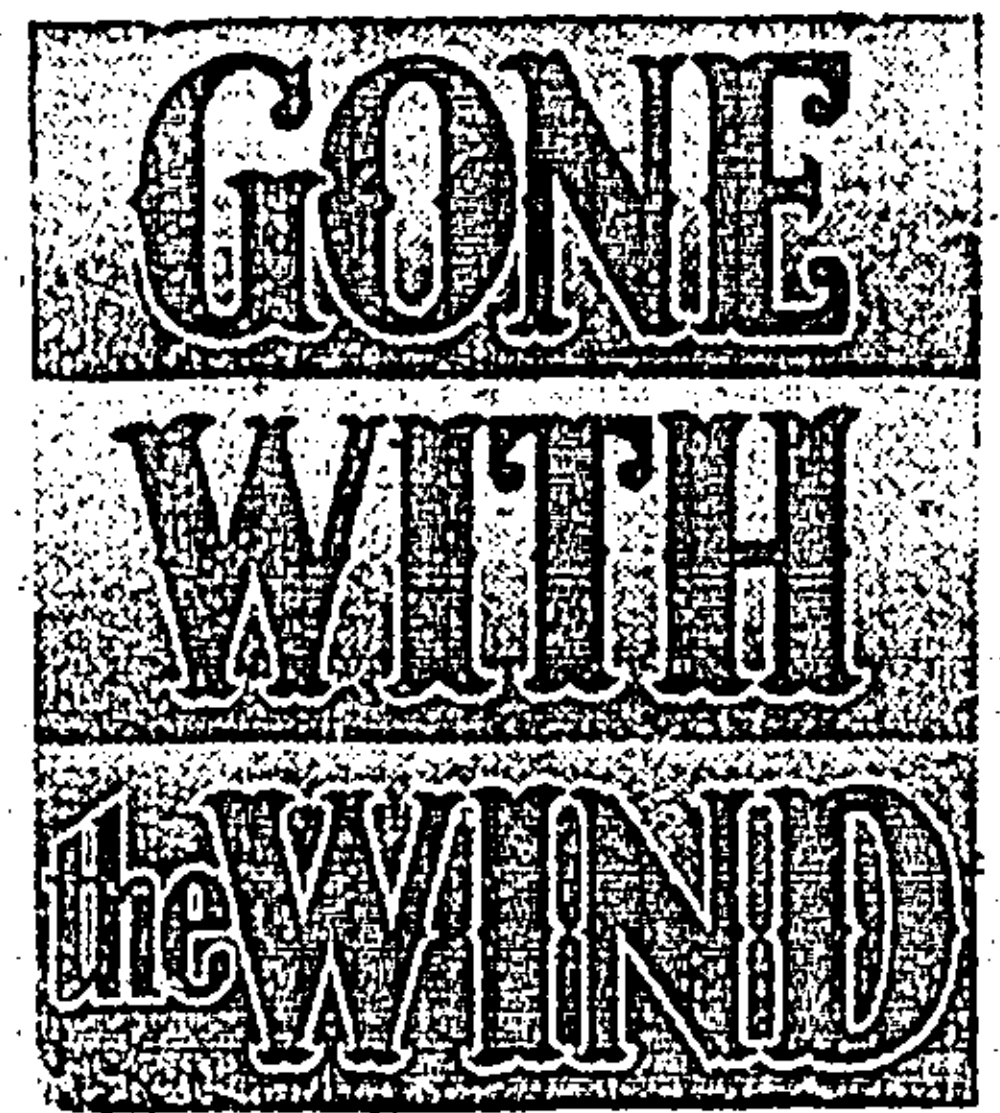
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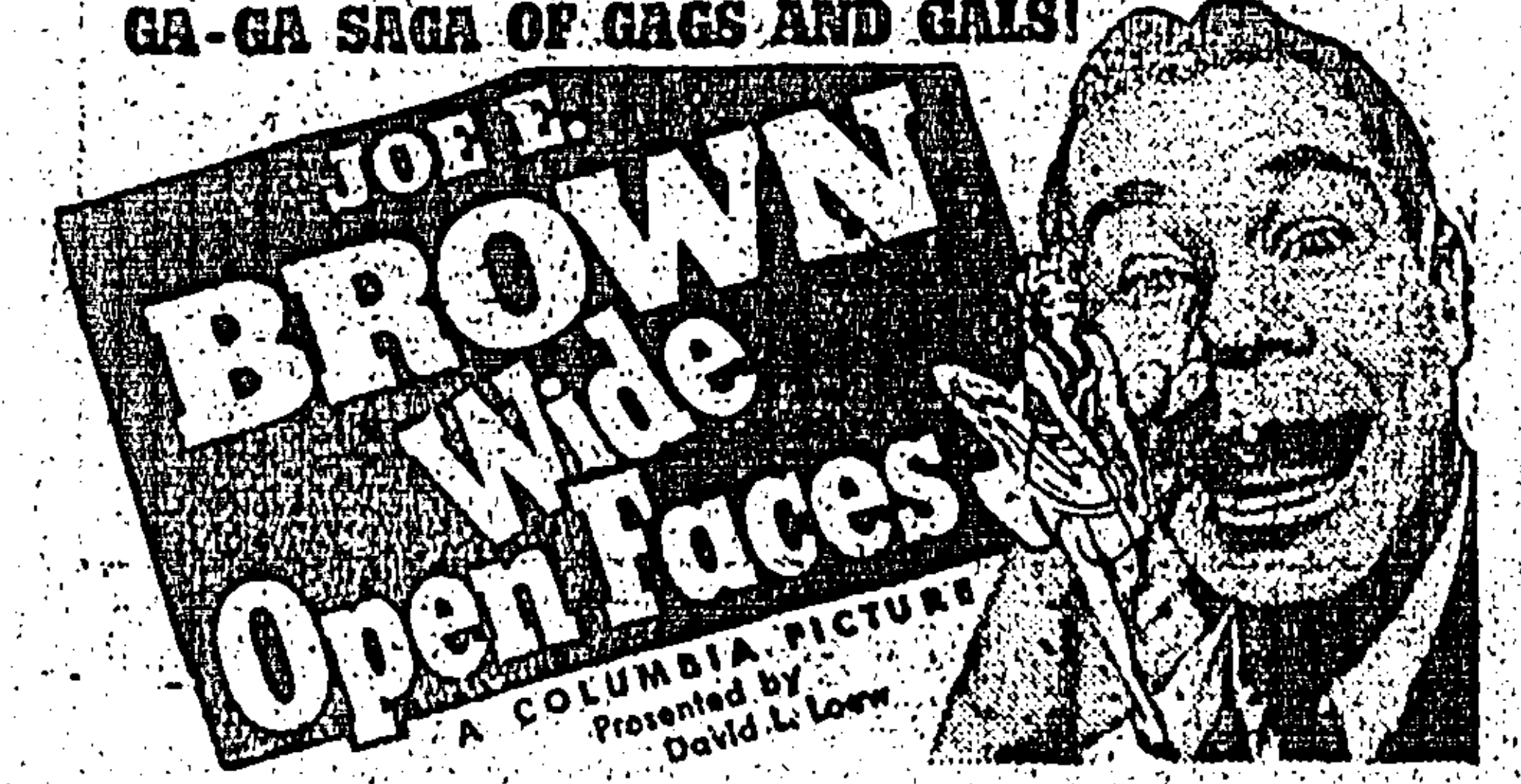
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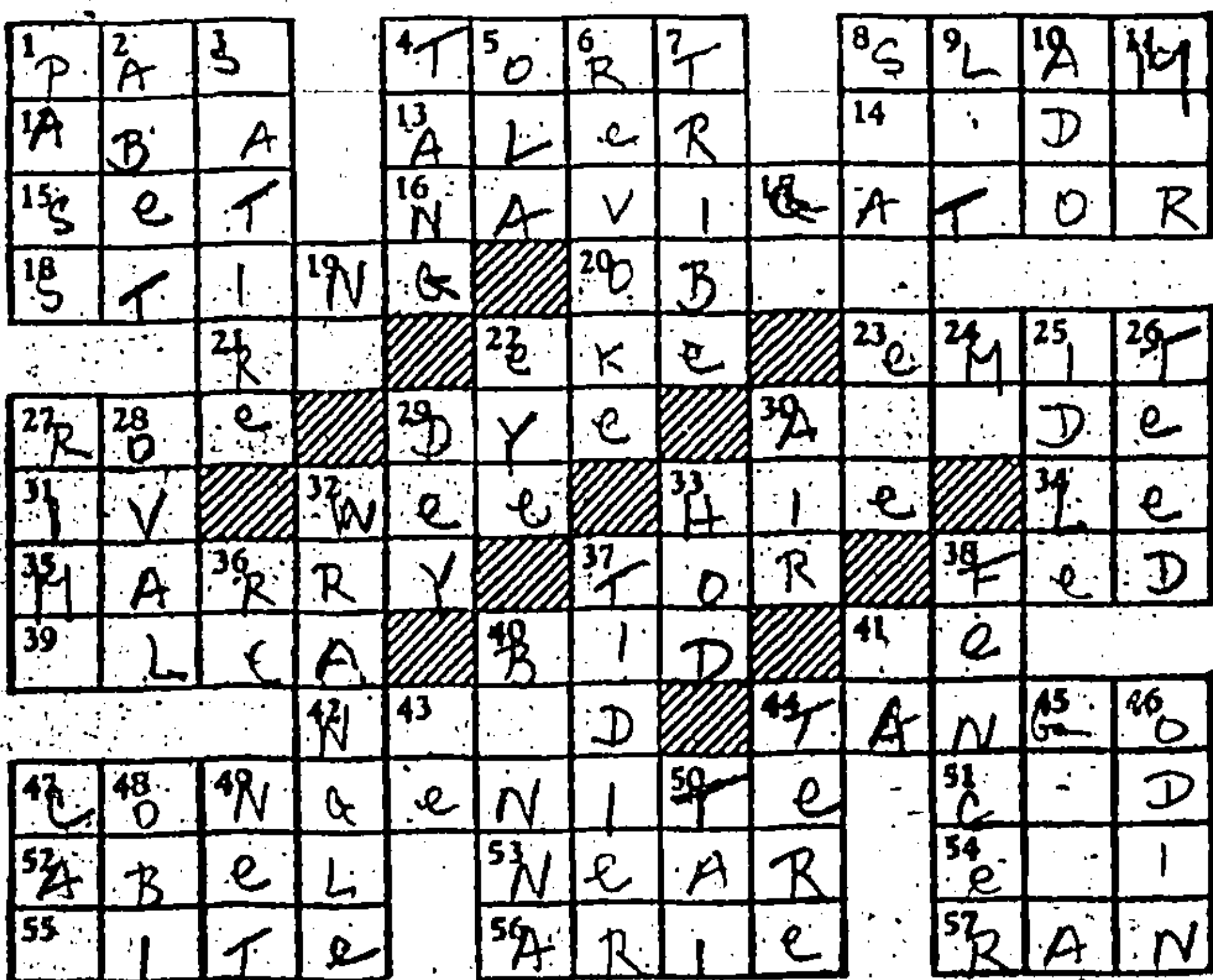
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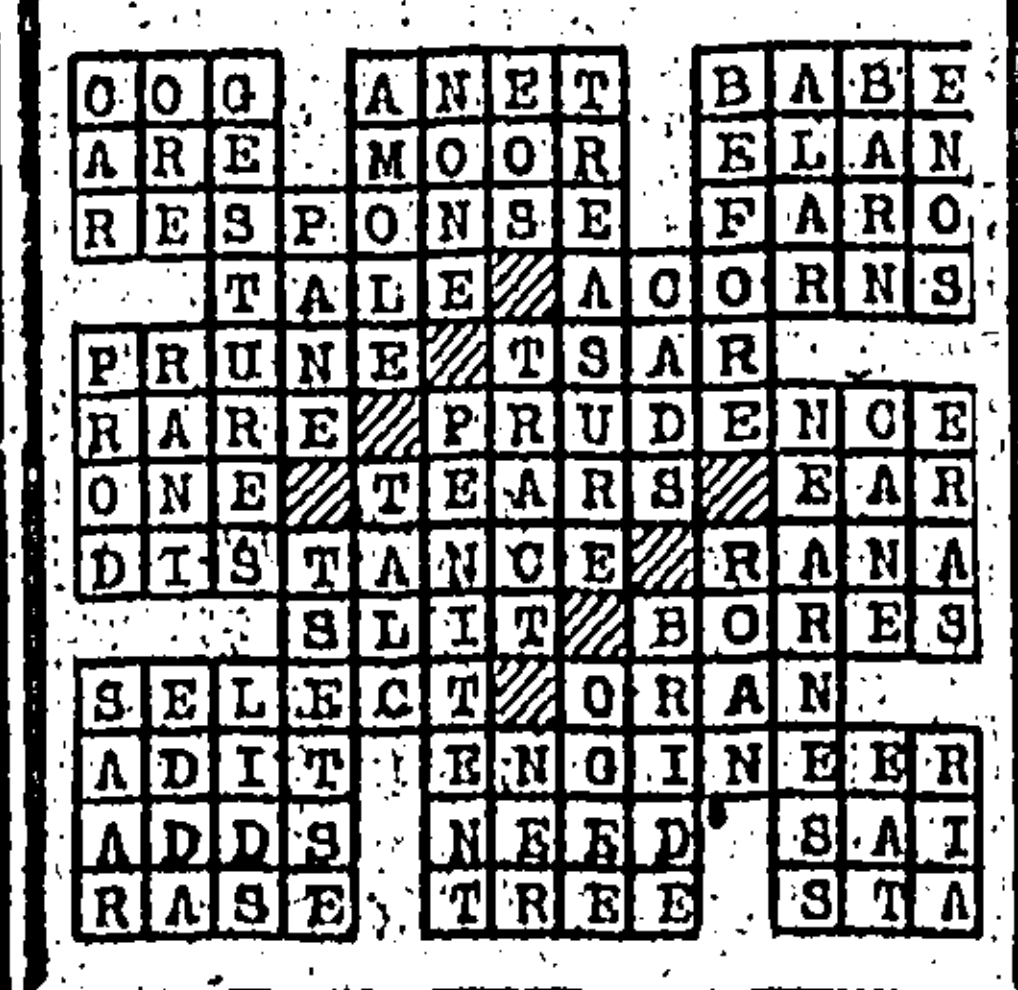
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- HORIZONTAL**
- Dance step
 - Wrong
 - To close violently
 - Sleeveless garment
 - Genus of maples
 - Mohammedan judge
 - Tennis score
 - Pilot
 - Smarting sensation
 - Greek coin
 - Artificial language
 - To piece out
 - To give forth
 - Fish eggs
 - To colour
 - Positive
 - voltic pole
 - Four
 - Small
 - To hasten
 - French article
 - To wed
 - Rocky crag
 - Nourished
 - Appellation of Athena
 - Offer
 - Symbol for iron
 - Medicinal plant

- VERTICAL**
- To enact, as a law
 - To assist
 - Irony
 - Taste
 - Peruvian tuber
 - To cancel
 - Clan
 - Kind of triangle
 - Hindu pillar
 - Bustle
 - Russian commune
 - Prizefight
 - Japanese drama
 - Head organ
 - Japanese coin
 - Not working
 - Placed on a mound
 - Narrow opening
 - Elliptical
 - Chief of the janizaries
 - Melody
 - To brawl
 - Receptacle for carrying bricks
 - Concerning
 - Neater
 - Duellist
 - Hardest part
 - Note of scale
 - Land measure
 - Novice
 - Southwestern river
 - Norse god
 - Elevator cage
 - Japanese sash
 - Trap
 - Indo-Chinese language

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION





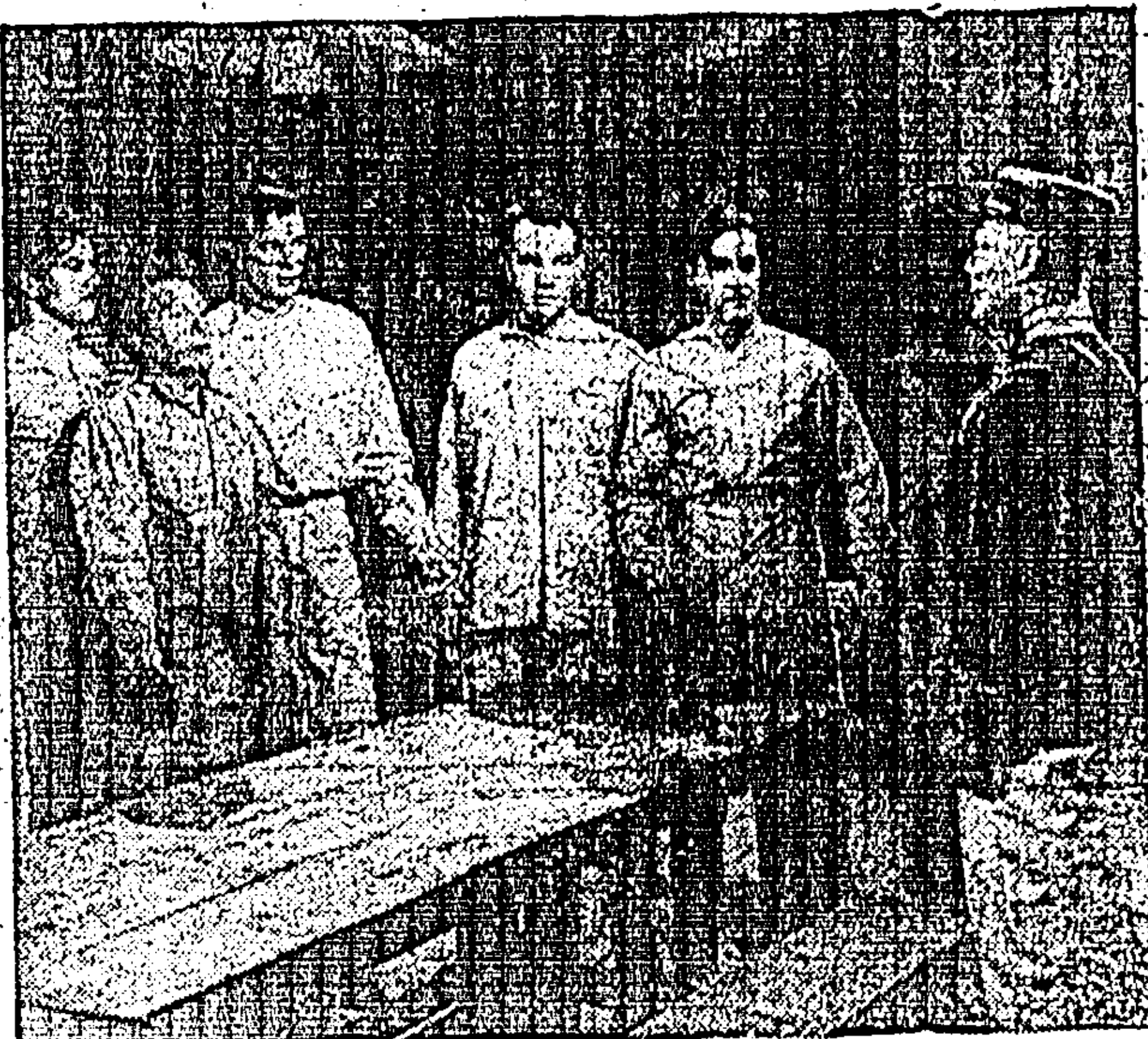
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The Geste brothers—Gary Cooper, Ray Milland and Robert Preston—and a loyal comrade, Broderick Crawford, defy a brutal Foreign Legion sergeant (Brian Donlevy) to wring the reason for his bayonet-placed hands from a traitorous legionnaire (J. Carroll Nash). This tense moment is from the new picture-ization of P. C. Wren's immortal book "Beau Geste," filmed by Paramount, which will be seen shortly at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

LIFE IN INDIAN ARMY

A British volunteer, who left Shanghai on September 22 to join the Indian Army, writes from a station near Delhi, describing his preliminary training, and first impressions of life in the army. He is now a Cadet Officer in a Royal Engineering Regiment—King George V's Bengal Sappers and Miners—having been an engineer in private life.

The cadets in this regiment will receive a special course of training in difficulties encountered in mechanised warfare in India.

Extracts from the letter follow:

"Coolish Nights"

"Here I am at last in India. We arrived in Bombay on October 10 and, after staying a few days in that town, left for the training station, which is situated way up beyond Delhi in sight of the Himalayas. The weather at the moment is excellent with coolish nights and warm days.

"Our party consists only of four engineers of the six that came from Shanghai. Two were taken on by the mechanical folk in Bombay and are staying there. We have arrived much too soon; the school is not built yet let alone started, so we spend our time learning order. I parted with the rest at Bombay, they have gone to Bangalore.

Numerous Bungalows

"There are numerous bungalows scattered about Roorkee and in one of them I have a bed. That is practically all I have except for some shelves and cupboards. For meals we all travel to the Officer's mess which acts somewhat as a club and feeding centre for all the unmarried men. There is a squash court, tennis courts and swimming pool for our use (water's a bit cold) while games are organised elsewhere, such as football, hockey, polo for those who play.

"It being the custom, I have taken on a bearer, a young local Indian with no knowledge of English. At present we converse by signs, later I hope it will be in his own lingo.

"I might just mention that no matter what you buy in China, it is sure to be cheaper than it is here. I wish I had bought more."

B. W. O. F. AMBULANCE FUND

Information has been received from the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation, London, that owing to shortage in England of material of which ambulances are made, they have temporarily closed their special appeal for donations for these vehicles.

The Local British War Organisation Fund has received generous donations amounting to \$683.27 for the purchase of ambulances.

It has been suggested that that money might be devoted to the purchase of motor canteens or motor kitchens which provide much needed meals to the victims of bomb outrages as well as supplying food and small necessities to men stationed at remote points on the coast of Great Britain.

As the money in our possession was given specifically for the purchase of ambulances, we cannot divert it to any other purpose without the approval of the donors. It is impossible to seek consent from each donor individually, and therefore it is proposed, unless notice of objection is received by the Hon. Secretary, British War Organisation Fund at Government House, within ten days from this date, to devote the funds in our hands to the purchase of mobile canteens and kitchens.

and it would be kinder if Tax Collectors sent them dashboards instead of Final Demands.

Imagine Mr. Holt's surprise when by return mail he received a magnificent dashboard and a letter from the Collector of Taxes declaring that he and his staff had been so affected by the soldiers' missive that they had felt obliged to rush forth to the nearest sports goods trader and purchase a board.

Now you can understand why Mr. Holt has kind things to say about the Tax Collector.

JAPAN MISSED CHANCE IN DUTCH INDIES

JAPAN HAS "missed the boat" in the Netherlands East Indies, say important oil men in close contact with Far Eastern affairs.

If Japan had attacked the Dutch island colonies on May 10—the day Adolf Hitler started into the Netherlands—a Nipponese conquest would have been a pushover.

But the day of opportunity for quick conquest of the Indies, rich in oil, tin, and rubber, has now passed, these oil experts say.

Japan's principal interest in the East Indies is oil, a war need. And now plans are said to be complete for quick destruction, by radio signal of indefensible Indies oil fields, and for defence of the vital fields in Java, which the Colonial Government would try to save.

Here's what has happened in the islands during the past five months, as the oil executives here understand it:

Since May 10, Netherlands East Indies fighting forces have been increased from 65,000 to an aggregate of 100,000 men.

The naval force of four cruisers, 12 destroyers, 18 submarines and 100 or so small torpedo boats has been expanded.

Great Britain has stationed more "patrol" ships at nearby Singapore, a stone's throw away.

The Air Force—made up principally of American-built planes—has been increased from 150 machines on May 10 to more than 400 fighting craft. The new ships are of the latest type, in large part Martin bombers and Lockheed fighters.

There are three major oil fields in the Indies—on the islands of Borneo, Sumatra and Java. Harbours and areas outside harbours on all three islands since May have been heavily mined.

Oil fields and refineries in Borneo and Sumatra have been mined. Defences have been strengthened around the oil fields in Java, which the Dutch are prepared to defend.

"It is oil alone that has attracted Japan in the Indies," one expert on Far Eastern petroleum affairs said. "In both Borneo and Sumatra there is oil, swamp and natives. In Java there is oil, too, but also in Java there live 50,000,000 of the Indies' 70,000,000 inhabitants.

"Five Or Six Years"

"In case of Japanese invasion, some effort would be expended to defend oil fields in Borneo and Sumatra. But if Japan should come down in full force, oil properties on both islands would be destroyed. They will be wrecked so that they cannot be rebuilt again in less than five or six years.

"To get command of oil in Java, which the Indies will defend, an invading force of at least 200,000 men would be needed.

Remember that war as it is fought to-day requires landing of an average of 15 tons of supplies for each invader stepping on shore if the invasion is to stick. Java's 100,000 army regulars and trained reservists are ready now to repel an invasion attempt. They have protecting mine fields, anti-aircraft guns, and planes."

United States investments in the Indies total around \$90,000,000 to-day, of which 50 per cent represents oil.

Oil Wells Mined

"American petroleum engineers showed the oil men in Borneo, Sumatra and Java how to mine an oil well so that it could be put out of business plenty long," he said. "In the last war, oil wells were mined three or four hundred feet down. This time new United States-developed methods enable wells to be mined right. It took expert oil drillers seven or eight years to reach pools several thousand feet below land level in the Indies when the wells were developed. It would take almost as long to re-drill them once they were blown up with present mines."

HE WROTE TO "THE TIMES"

There's a lot to be said for tax collectors.

In fact, there usually is a lot said, though it's not always strictly for tax collectors. But G. B. Holt, of Somewhere-in-England, had so much to say for and on behalf of tax collectors, that he sat down and wrote to "The Times" about it—which is usually what an Englishman does when he feels strongly about something.

It seems that Mr. Holt one day received one of those alarming Final Demand Notices from the local Collector of Taxes, threatening all sorts of unpleasant things if the overdue tax was not immediately forthcoming.

Now Mr. Holt is in the Army. He was one of the Territorial volunteers called up on the outbreak of hostilities and he sent the demand back with a little note explaining the delay in payment, and remarking, in a wistful sort of way that the Terriers were not in the best of positions nowadays,

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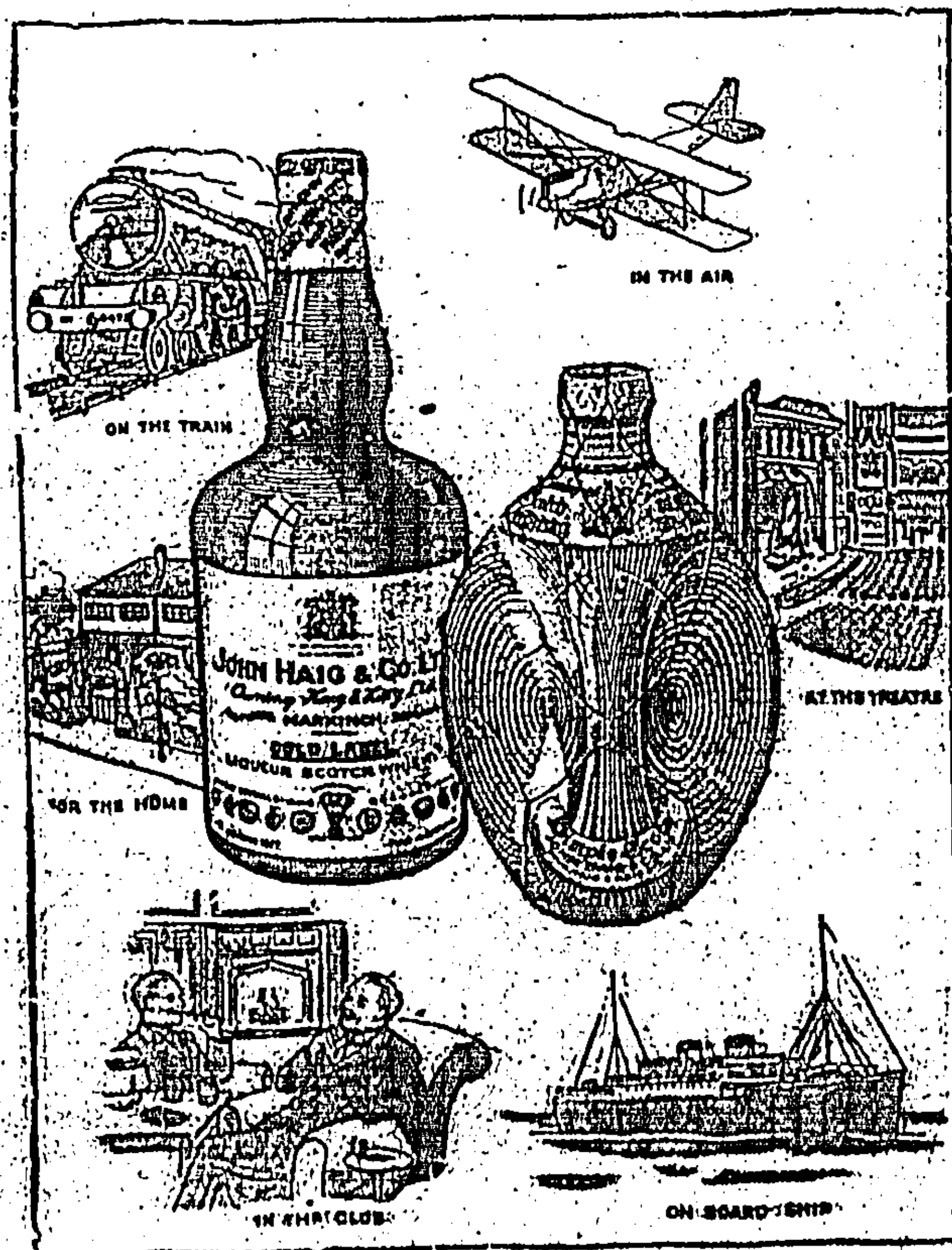
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TARANTO TRIUMPH

When the First Lord of the Admiralty proclaimed that the wrecking of three Italian capital ships in the attack on Taranto had decisively altered the balance of sea-power in all the oceans of the world, he was speaking without a jot of excess.

In their dashing raid, the squadron of the Fleet Air Arm responsible for the magnificent achievement, gained for Britain an immense strategical success which is certain to have important repercussions everywhere war is in progress or where fancy may be lightly turning to thoughts of war.

Bold in its conception, and brilliantly carried through, the attack succeeded probably beyond all expectations. One of the two of the Littorio class of battleships is down nose-first in the shallows of Taranto harbour, another great shattered ship was beached to prevent her sinking, and a third is known to have been severely damaged.

It means, virtually, that Italy's hope of achieving naval supremacy in the Mediterranean is smashed beyond repair; for having shirked the test of battle with six capital ships, the venture now would be suicidal. It relieves the Admiralty of a host of anxieties. It means, chiefly, that the Navy has regained complete freedom of action and may, without relaxing its grip on the Mediterranean for one moment, release ships from the great concentrations at Alexandria, Crete and Gibraltar for service elsewhere; as and when the need arises.

It is, perhaps, coincidence that announcement of the creation of a new office in the Far East, that of Commander-in-Chief, to co-ordinate the land, air and sea defence system in the Far East, inclusive of Burma, Malaya, Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand should have followed closely upon the heels of the shattering blow dealt at Italy at Taranto. Perhaps it is more than coincidence.

Be that as it may, the one is certain to have tremendous influence on the other.

It is disclosed that further reinforcements have recently reached the Far East. The announcement gives notice to Japan of Britain's intention to defend her Far East territories with all the forces at her disposal should they be threatened. The crushing of Italy's naval



"When you can spare a minute, Boss, there's someone here to see you"

Woman "Ferry" Pilot Tells Her Story

THE first thing I would like to make clear is that we women members of the British Air Transport Auxiliary do not regard ourselves as "heroines." We are doing what we hope is a useful job of work, but there is nothing spectacular about it, because we are, all twenty of us, thoroughly used to flying, and we think no more of piloting an aeroplane than we do of driving a car.

That is not conceit; it is a plain statement of fact. Because you see, most of us, before the war came along, were earning our living in civil aviation, as pilots or instructors. I was an instructor myself, at an aerodrome near London. I learned to fly when I was 17—that is, five years ago—and when I was accepted last winter as one of the eight who made up the original women's unit, I had done about 600 hours solo. The qualification for a ferry pilot was 250 hours. Most of my colleagues—I was the youngest of them—had between 1000 and 2000 hours to their credit.

PERHAPS the best way to give you an idea of our work is to describe a typical day's programme. We are attached to an aerodrome not very far from London and we report for duty each morning soon after nine o'clock. Some of us live in a hotel near the aerodrome; others in London or in our homes on the outskirts.

By the time we arrive, our chief, Pauline Gower, is arranging the day's schedule. She is one of the most experienced air women in the country and has run our section of A.T.A. most successfully since the beginning.

She has to ring up, or is rung up by, various contractors all over Britain. They report that they have certain aircraft waiting to be "picked up" and taken to Royal Air Force maintenance units or training squadrons. The contractor may be in the south of England, the aircraft's destination is very likely to be "somewhere in Scotland." Or the factory may be in

power at Taranto adds to that polite hint the plainest intimation that the naval situation has undergone a mighty change in Britain's favour.

The pilots of the Fleet Air Arm have gained a victory as signal in its consequences as that of their heroic comrades of the Royal Air Force in the Battle Over Britain.

the north and the R.A.F. station in the west.

In either case a journey of several hundred miles is involved, and now that production is being accelerated so greatly, the demands made on the four ferry pools—and the three staffed by men pilots—are growing every week, every day almost.

WHEN the preliminary list is complete—it will probably be added to in the course of the day—our Ferry Officer has to get a second list, because the girls have got to get to the factories as quickly as possible, and, very often, brought back by air to headquar-

By John Hughes

ters as well when they have delivered their aircraft. Sometimes, of course, they can do another delivery on the way back. Even so, a "taxi" as we call these intermediate machines which carry the ferry-pilots about, have got to pick them up at X and take them on to Y where they will pick up their aircraft and go to Z. So you will understand the schedule of the day's flights, when it is complete, will, on a busy day—and that really means every day on which flying is possible at all—be a complicated one.

Well, all these arrangements are the business of the senior officers and meantime the rest of us sit and wait our call. There's a good deal of competition for our few comfortable chairs. The unlucky ones perch where they can, on a table or somewhere—there's no luxury about our "rest-room" to put it mildly. We smoke and talk and knit—we've done quite a lot of knitting in such spare time as we do get—until the moment comes for us to go in and get our "chits."

OUR uniform, by the way, is rather a smart one. It has been adapted from the uniform the pilots of British Airways used to wear. It's dark blue, and on the breast there are tiny gold wings with the letters "A.T.A." worked into the middle. First officers have three gold bars on the shoulder, second officers two. Oh and we wear skirts, not trousers. Pauline Gower thinks that, even if women are doing a man's job of work, that's no reason why they

shouldn't continue to look feminine. Of course, when we're flying we have to wear regulation flying suits and parachutes rather like bustles at the back. And I don't think anybody would claim that all this very necessary paraphernalia improves our beauty! All the same, when we're not in the air, we do pride ourselves on our appearance.

Once we have been given our "chits" we lose no time in getting away. These "chits" are simply delivery and receipt slips—one we leave with the contractor, and another we bring back to headquarters signed by the officer in charge of the R.A.F. aerodrome to which we have delivered the aircraft.

Several of us will pile into one "taxi"—generally a "Pruss Moth"—and very soon we're in the air on the way to the nearest factory where one of our number is to "collect."

YOU probably wonder what it feels like to fly alone in wartime. Well, of course, there is always the bare chance that one may come across a German machine and that does tend to keep one on the watch all the time. But happily the sky is a very large place and the chances of coming across a Dornier or a Messerschmitt are very small—especially as the R.A.F. keep such a good lookout for visitors. Anyway, we've had no excitement of that kind so far, in fact we are not a little proud that we have ferried several hundred aeroplanes so far without any trouble and strictly according to routine.

Mind, you, there are certain complications about flying in wartime. We have to keep away from prohibited areas, where there are balloon barrages and other devices intended to... well, shall I say, make flying more difficult? We have to fly in all weathers, without the usual aids to navigation—meteorological reports, and so on, and at the best possible speed of which our aircraft are capable. No dawdling in the sky! And when we get to our destination we have to take certain steps to make sure that we are recognised as a friend before we touch down.

THE Air Ministry is paying us a high compliment by asking us—both men and women in the

A.T.A.—to take on more work. In September last year Mr. Gerard d'Erlanger, with the encouragement of the Director-General of Civil Aviation, Sir Francis Sherrinford, formed a pool of thirty ferry-pilots—all men—who were attached to two R.A.F. stations. That was the beginning of A.T.A. We women were recruited in December. There was only a handful of us in those days, Pauline Gower, who was taught to fly by Amy Johnson, of England-to-Australia fame; and afterwards joined an aerial circus, going into loops, spins and rolls every day between lunch and dinner; Winifred Crossley who had had more than five years' experience in the air, including "stunting"; Mona Friedlander, who was the first woman to do Army cooperation flying and is an ice-hockey international; the Hon. Mrs. Fairweather, eldest daughter of Lord Runciman, who used to be an instructor at RAF Hendon before the war; Margaret Cunison, another Scot, who won a bursary which enabled her to learn to fly and piloted one of the most brilliant pupils at the Scottish flying school, Rosemary Rees, who has flown unconcernedly all over Europe in all sorts of weather by herself; Mrs. Patterson, whose corps of women pupils at Romford, near London, was quite famous last year; Mrs. R. Wilberforce, who hails from Aberdeen—it's surprising how many Scots women seem to make good pilots—and myself the "baby" of the gang in those days.

FOUR of us had husbands in the forces, by the way. Well, since then we've grown considerably. Amy Johnson is one of those who've joined us. And it's not only in numbers that we've increased, but in duties. You see, early this year Mr. d'Erlanger was asked to set up pools of his own, which should be run, not by the Royal Air Force but by himself and British Airways, one of whose wartime activities this is, and since February the number of machines which we carry every week in A.T.A. has gone up fifteen times. Before we used to ferry only from the factory to the R.A.F. maintenance unit, because when an aircraft leaves a factory it still has to be fitted out inside, even though it can be flown. Now we ferry not only repaired aircraft but also fully equipped aircraft from the maintenance units to the various squadron headquarters themselves.

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CANADA'S WAR INDUSTRY IN ITS STRIDE

CANADIAN-UNITED STATES cooperation in defence moves ahead, especially in the air and on the sea. Recently, a party of American and Canadian journalists inspected defence activities from Hamilton to Halifax. Here is a final report from a correspondent of "Christian Science Monitor."

The Canadian Government has just warned manufacturers of war materials to stop enticing skilled labour away from their competitors. This is one of the most significant developments in Canada's wartime industrial revolution. It indicates at once both the progress made in developing the country's arsenals and the grave problems ahead. Of these problems the bottleneck of skilled workmen is evidently the most serious.

The extent of Canada's attempt to make itself, in the words of Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, "the arsenal of the British Empire" can be gauged roughly by the fact that industrial orders totaling \$345,000,000 have been placed for the Canadian Government and \$100,000,000 has been allocated for the British Government. About \$225,000,000 has been invested in new plants which will manufacture a vast variety of war essentials.

The figures do not indicate, however, the impact of the war on the industry of this country. More significant is the Government announcement that employment has surpassed all previous records. More revealing are the workshops in the midst of this war boom, the new armament factories, the first attempt to make aeroplanes on a substantial scale, the news that for the first time, this country will build aeroplane engines, the spectacle of busy shipyards, lathes turning out shell casings, girls stuffing cordite into rifle ammunition.

This industrial programme is only beginning now, after a year of war, to get into its stride. No Canadian denies that this country, like Britain, was slow to mobilise its resources and was lulled into delay by unwise reliance on the strategy of the Maginot Line.

The supplies on hand in the Canadian fighting services also appeared inadequate to a party of visiting American editors, but it must be remembered that virtually every weapon owned by Canada was rushed overseas to Britain after the disaster of Dunkirk. Only now is that gap being filled and still supplies are moving overseas.

Was Inadequately Equipped

Canada was not equipped in any way to produce munitions on a large scale when the war broke out. Practically all its munition factories had to be built in the last year. Now fourteen plants are turning out shells, including 18-pounders, 25-pounders, 3.7 inch, 4.5 inch, 6-inch and 9.2 inch. Orders for shells already placed total \$100,000,000 and production will soon be at a minimum of 1,000,000 a month. New investment in ammunition, shell, cartridge case and fuse plants is estimated at \$30,000,000.

Bren machine-guns and rifles are in production on a large scale, though no figures on output have been released. Canada is only beginning now to make field guns and heavy naval guns and having sent nearly all its artillery to Britain, lacks even sufficient guns for adequate training. But by the end of 1941, the country expects to have built substantial quantities of 25-pounders, submachine guns, two-pounder and 5.5 inch howitzers.

Canada's problem is complicated by the need of meshing its armament with that of Britain and the United States, when both these countries use different artillery and ammunition. Canada secured 80,000 rifles from the United States to replace those shipped to Britain and now has to manufacture a new kind of ammunition to fit the American calibre.

In the aeroplane industry Canada is determined to follow American designs as far as possible because it depends on the United States almost entirely for engines, though a few come from Britain. Up to now none has

been made here but the government is negotiating with a British company which will open an engine factory during the next year.

Canadian 'Planes

At present 130 aeroplanes, minus engines, are being built in Canadian factories where virtually none was built before the war. By March next the Government hopes to have increased this output to 360 a month, two-thirds of them training planes to be used in the British Commonwealth Air Training Scheme. The remaining third, bombers and fighters, will be retained for Canadian defence or, if necessary, shipped to Britain, where all fighting and bombing planes made here so far have been sent already. Eleven separate types of planes are manufactured.

The weakest spot in the Canadian fighting forces, as in the American, is lack of tanks. Canada has only 20 serviceable tanks and, after failure to get any more elsewhere, has embarked on a programme of tank construction. About 800 tanks of three designs are being built but are some distance from completion. The Government's programme calls for the production of three or four 18-ton tanks a day in the near future, and seven a day by next year. Four thousand 25-ton tanks will be built for Britain.

Light tanks—really Bren gun carriers—will be made at the rate of 200 to 300 a month and a new medium-weight tank designed here, and powered with two Ford motors, is about ready for testing. If successful, it will be made on a large scale, for Canada is well equipped to build all forms of mechanical transport.

This country, in fact, has become the chief world supply source for mechanised vehicle transport—everything from station wagons to heavy four-wheel drive gun tractors. Four hundred units a day are being turned out, for use here and in Britain. The Canadian automobile industry has become a key factor in the national war effort.

Plants Being Built

It is in the manufacture of explosives and chemicals that Canada probably will contribute most to the munition stores of the British Empire. Nine large explosive and chemical plants, costing \$58,400,000, are being built and carefully spotted all over the country to avoid concentration in one area. To produce aluminium and aluminium products \$40,000,000 is invested in a plant already operating. All the mines and smelters of the country are at peak production, just as the timber industry is working overtime to supply lumber to Britain.

This programme is small compared with those of the dictator nations and yet in a country of 11,500,000 people it means nothing less than an industrial revolution. Canada is operating industrial processes, making complicated mechanisms which had never been considered up to last autumn.

For example, no Canadian industrialist had the remotest idea eight months ago how anti-aircraft guns were made. Now they are being built here in Canada by workmen who had never seen such a weapon before last spring.

The ultimate effects of these vast changes in the industrial and economic structure of the country

BOMBER NAMED FOR BOSTON

The British Air Ministry has given the name "Boston" to the new Douglas DB7 type, twin-engine bombers, in compliment to the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, a Bostonian. A number of the American-built bombers are already in England.

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CANADA SENDS SERUM

Canada is shipping immediately 50,000 packages of anti-tetanus serum for use in Britain.

The shipments are being made in response to an appeal from the British Red Cross to Col. George Nasmith, the Canadian Red Cross Commissioner in London, who at once got in touch by cable with Canada.

Col. Nasmith said that arrangements had been made for the supplies to come from the Connaught Laboratories near Toronto, which supplied large quantities during the last war.

Major-Gen. O. L. Robinson, of the British Red Cross, said that more reserve supplies of the serum were needed, and that was why Canada was approached. The shipments would be available for general use where required. The serum is for the prevention of lockjaw, and will be used where necessary in the case of air-raid victims and wherever else needed.

CANADIAN COAL UP

Coal production in Canada during the first half of 1940 amounted to 8,227,401 tons compared with 6,816,269 tons in the first six months of 1939.

cannot be foreseen, but no one is worrying about that now. Canada knows that readjustment after the war, when the war market has collapsed, will cause the gravest economic problems in its history, but when you ask the average Canadian about it he shrugs and says that nothing matters now but victory in the war. The problems of peace can wait.

The growing problem of war on the industrial front, however, may not wait much longer. Canadian leaders realise now that this country lacks skilled hands to manage the huge programme of munitions manufacture which will reach its peak perhaps a year hence. Already industrialists protest when the Government seeks to conscript young men for war training and many will have to be exempted. The greatest single need in Canada's war effort to-day is a programme which will train skilled mechanics on a large scale, and quickly.

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The Cottage Club Ride



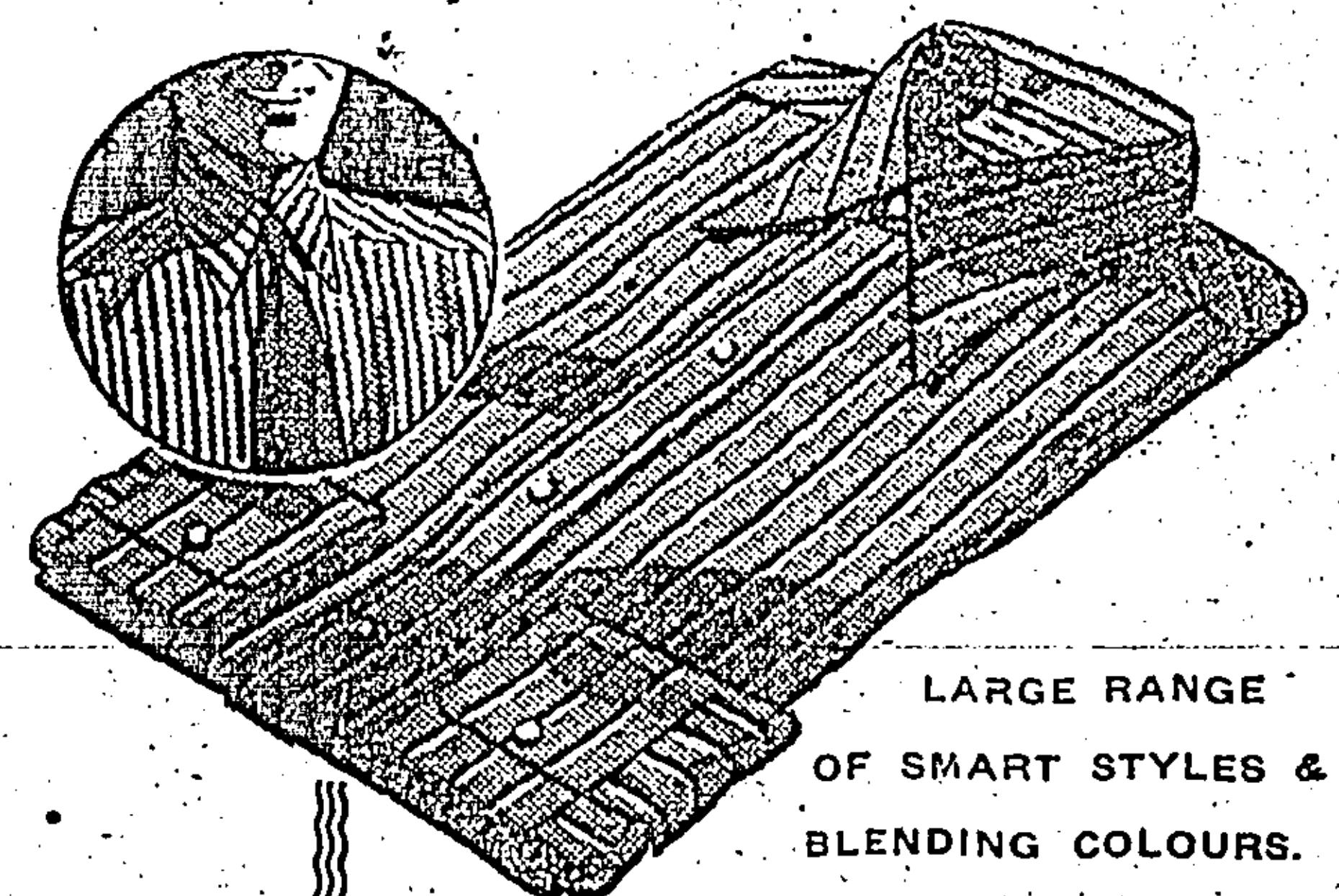
The Cottage Club turned out in force last Saturday for the Ride and Bar-B-Q that followed. Here are some of the members just before the ride. Left to right, W. O'Neill, Jock Fraser, Jill Beavis, Jack Carkeet, Christine Wyatt, Frank Bondfield and Captain A. G. Atkinson. (Kahn).



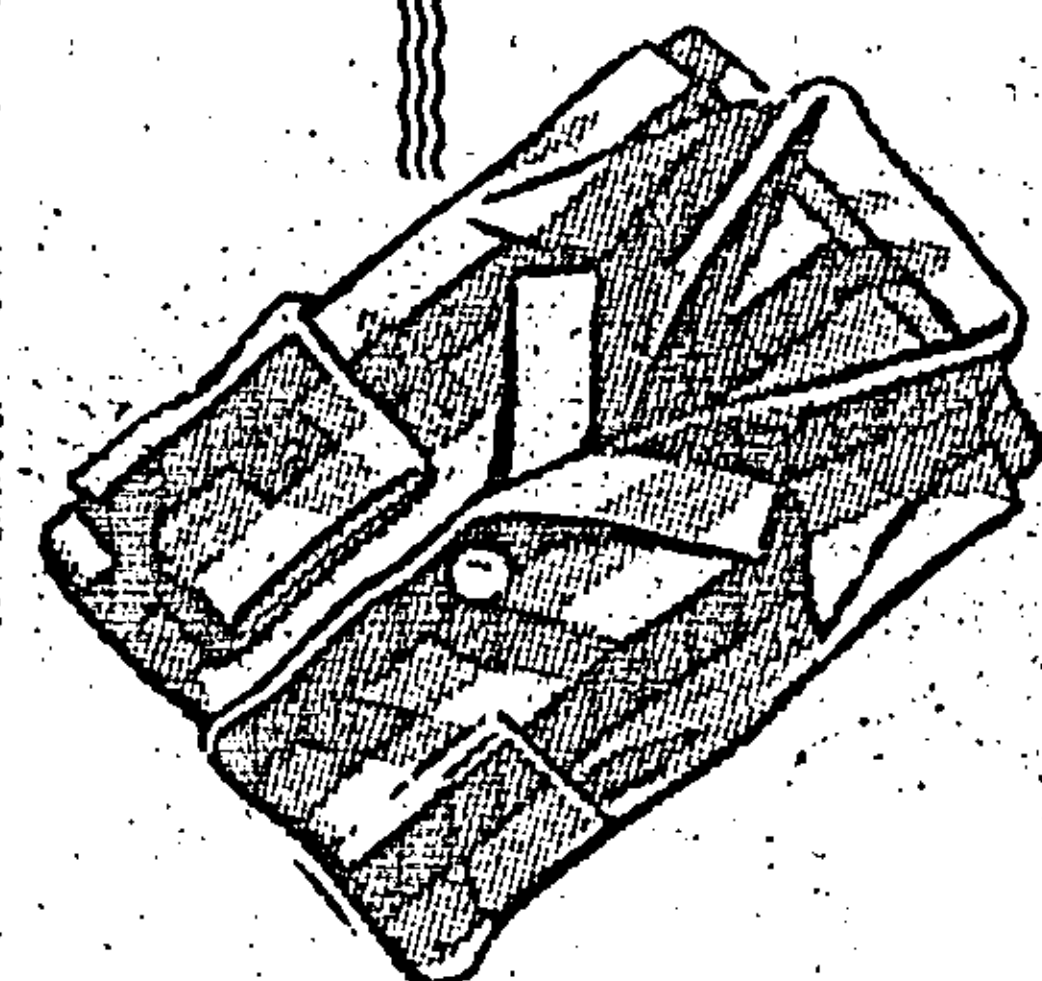
Mrs. M. Harmon, Mr. Bond, J. S. Logan and Miss Kiki de Chaffoy at the Cottage Club last Saturday. (Kahn).



Another party at the Cottage Club ride. Left to right, Mr. Peter Wong and a friend, Miss Jill Beavis, W. O'Neill, Paul Calderara and John Eager. (Kahn).

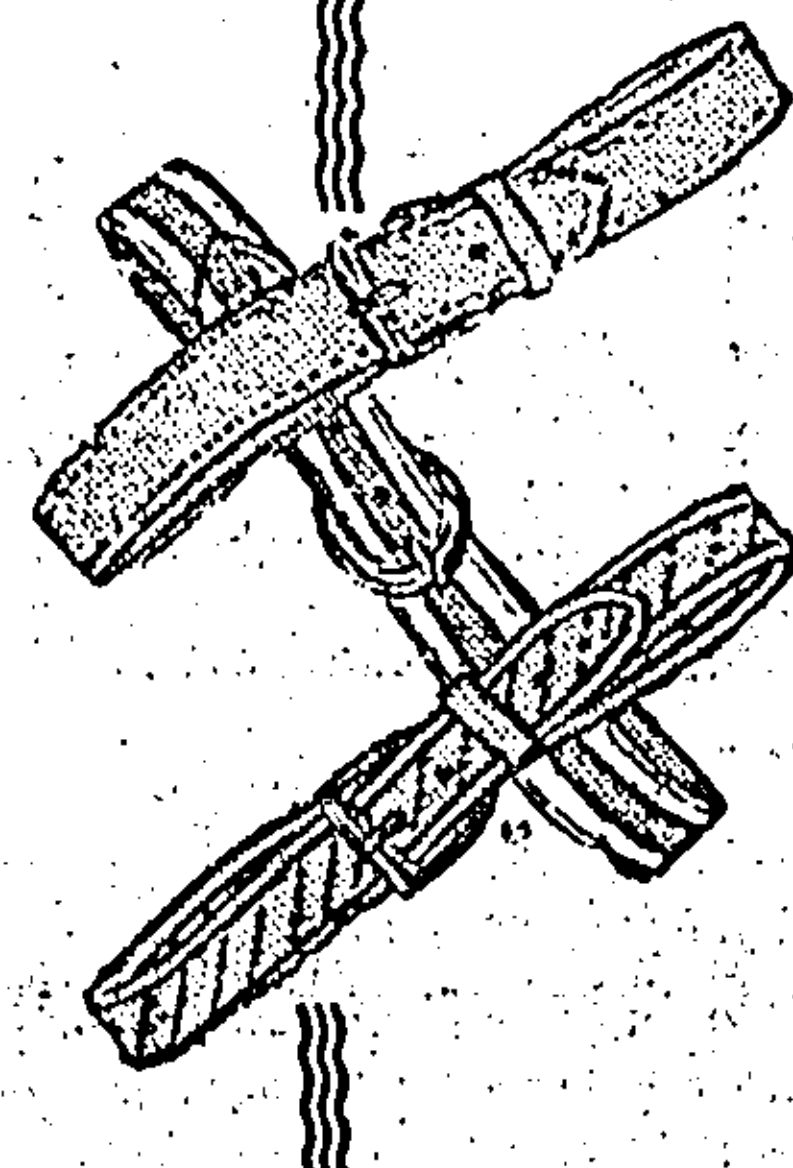


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SHORT STORY

Daphne's Dilemma By Eve Chaucer

DAPHNE had been two years in Macpherson's Store and now she was in charge of the haberdashery counter. She had two girls under her orders, Mary Pearson and Jean Gray, but she saw little of either girl outside the store. She and Evelyn Patterson spent all their spare time together.

Evelyn was 25, slim and beautiful. Daphne was quite accustomed to playing gooseberry when they went to the pictures or to a dance. Evelyn always had the boys round her. Sometimes Daphne felt a little jealous. It seemed so unfair that Evelyn should have all the attention, but lately things had been a bit better. Ever since Christmas Daphne's thoughts had been busy with a young man of her own.

She first noticed him during the rush hour on Christmas Eve. He stood quite patiently while she attended to the wants of two elderly women. At Christmas the haberdashery counter had a specially good show of attractive fancy goods. Sewing hussies, with coloured zip-fasteners, shoe-bags embroidered in gay colours, conchangers neatly packed in a box of six.

When the two old ladies finally picked up their parcels and toddled off Daphne smiled at him apologetically.

"I'm so sorry to have kept you waiting," she said. "What can I do for you?"

Their eyes met and Daphne's heart missed a beat. He was certainly very attractive with his wavy brown hair and long-lashed blue eyes. He had the fresh complexion of a healthy man who spends his free time in the open air.

"If you aren't too busy," he said, "I'd be very grateful if you'd help me choose a few presents. I've such a lot of aunts!"

Daphne smiled at him a bit experimentally and was pleased when he didn't seize the opportunity to become "fresh." They spent quite ten happy minutes in

choosing half a dozen small gifts. She thought he would have liked to talk to her for longer.

Daphne could hardly wait to tell Evelyn all about her adventure, but, as it turned out, the two friends did not manage to have a proper talk until after the New Year, for Evelyn went away with a young friend of hers to Brighton, where she caught influenza and had to stay in bed; thereby achieving an extra five days' holiday.

When at last they met Daphne had seen the young man again, but always in the store. He had returned first on New Year's Eve to thank her for having chosen such nice presents, and again on New Year's Eve Day, when he brought her a book.

Daphne was a little disappointed that Evelyn would not be able to see him, but their two departments were on different floors; and she was reluctant to make the first advance and ask him to tea at her home. Evelyn soon realised that Daphne had fallen pretty heavily for this apparently fascinating stranger.

"Don't worry, dear," she consoled her friend, "I see him fast enough. By next week he'll ask you to go to the pictures and then you can do the shy trick and say you can't go out with him alone the first time. Then I'll bring Cecil or Peter and we'll have a foursome."

Sure enough, the following Monday the young man appeared again at the haberdashery counter just as Daphne was preparing to go to lunch. He wanted, it appeared, a few pearl buttons. Daphne sent her two assistants away to the canteen, and bore, with as much good humour as she could, their sly nudges as they giggled their way round the counter. The store had been empty all the morning. It was January and cold, with a biting east wind, but in the store it was warm.

Daphne was glad she had put on her new dress. It was a dull

black satin, and with fine silk stockings and suede shoes was a present from a rich uncle who had a farm in New Zealand. It suited her to perfection. Evelyn had helped her to choose it in the Small Sizes department during the sale.

The young man gave a great deal of attention to the selection of his shirt buttons, then he led the conversation easily to himself. His name was John Greening, he told her, and he had some sort of job in the Home Office. He had been ill recently, so he was using the remains of his sick leave to put in a bit of work for an examination.

That explains why he can pop round here at all sorts of hours, Daphne thought; but he sounds respectable all right.

"Yes," she said, smiling in answer to his question. "I'd love to go out with you to a dance on Saturday, but don't you think it would be better to join up with another couple? I've got a great friend, Evelyn Patterson, in the Small Sizes, and she can easily bring one of her boy friends."

Mr. Greening nodded. "An excellent idea," he said thoughtfully, and Daphne got the impression that for some reason he was not pleased with the suggestion. It gave her a little uneasy feeling that he was not so straightforward as he looked.

"It would be more fun to have someone outside your work, wouldn't it?" he suggested. "You want to get away from the store sometimes, you know. Perhaps I could find someone?"

They left it that Daphne should ask Evelyn and if the latter could not come John should find a friend of his who would bring a girl. He would call in, he said, on the following Wednesday to hear what he was to do.

When the girls met that evening, much to Daphne's disgust, Evelyn said that she was already booked up ten deep; and when Daphne began to talk over their plans for the week following the other girl was oddly elusive. After a few minutes she dropped the subject. Evidently Evelyn had no intention of letting her friend into her secrets this time. Trying not to be both hurt and curious was a stiff job, for hitherto the girls had talked over their affairs without any reserve; but she soon forgot it for Evelyn began talking about a conversation she had had with one of the departmental managers that afternoon. It appeared that goods were disappearing from the Small Sizes Department, the Hats and Gloves and Stockings. It was not the petty pilfering of an inexperienced shop-lifter, but organised and systematic theft on a large scale. The managers were worried.

It was at the dance on the following Saturday that Daphne knew that she loved John Greening, and by the end of the evening she was sure he returned her feelings. The couple he had brought with him tactfully disappeared after the first extra and did not reappear until the band was playing "God Save the King." By that time Daphne was wondering how soon he would ask her to marry him, and planning the arrangement of the furniture in the little house they would have in the suburbs. She decided that he was the best-looking man she had ever seen and by far the most intelligent. She went home to bed in the early hours of the morning with her brain in a whirl, and happy smile hovered round her mouth all the following day until, at nine o'clock, after a quick dinner, she hurried round to the rooms where Evelyn lived. Evelyn must be the first to hear all about it.

A street lamp stood outside the door of the house where her friend lived. In its light Daphne could see Evelyn's tall figure standing on the pavement talking to a man. Daphne hurried on. She had been afraid that Evelyn might be out for the evening. When she was within a hundred yards of the couple Daphne slowed her steps. They appeared to be deep in talk and, as she watched, Evelyn laid her hand affectionately on the man's shoulder. He swung round and kissed her. As he turned and walked rapidly away Daphne saw his face. It was Mr. John Greening.

For the next few days Daphne worked like an automaton. Only a brief stab of pain roused her for a moment when she saw Evelyn or found John's face smiling at her over the counter. Something must be done—but what? At last she made a plan.

On Thursday she arranged with Jean to exchange lunch hours, and managed, by having a word with one of the canteen staff, to keep a seat at the table where Evelyn usually ate. She waited until she saw the older girl go into the dining-room, her beautiful head bent as it in deep thought.

"Yes," thought Daphne, bitterly, as she followed her, "it's easy for her. She's only to lift her finger and they follow her like sheep. She might have left John alone at least; but I'm not going to give him up without a fight. If I talk to her..."

Evelyn was only too ready to talk, and Daphne found herself in her usual role of listener. Lunch was nearly over before she discovered that on Saturday afternoon Evelyn intended to wash her hair in preparation for a dance. That was all that Daphne wanted to know. She had no intention of allowing the older girl to guess that she wanted to have a private talk with her until she had her cornered, for she was afraid that Evelyn might make some excuse to put her off.

Friday dragged by. The customers seemed to be more annoying than she had ever known them. Just when she was preparing to leave a messenger came along and asked her to go to the floor manager.

Wearily, Daphne walked to his office. He was a thin, dark man, shy of the girl assistants, but always polite and considerate. He was known by the girls as "Weary Willie."

"Er..." Miss Killigrew, he said, "I wonder if you can help us. We... Er... know that goods are being stolen from this store. It is true that most of the losses are on the next floor; but we are asking all our assistants to cooperate..." He paused and looked hopefully.

Daphne looked puzzled. "Of course," she began.

"I'll do anything I can..."

"Well..." "Weary Willie" played nervously with a ruler on his desk. "Er... have you any suspicions... I mean your girls... None of them unusually flush with money?"

A horrible suspicion struck her. Surely they could not suspect her? That cheque she had had at Christmas, her new dress and shoes. As she stood in front of him her colour deepened. She felt like a trapped animal which snarls when it blunders into the teeth of a hidden trap.

Her eyes sparkled with anger. Like most quiet people, Daphne was not often roused, but when she was her temper was quick to flare.

"If you think I've taken them you're mistaken," she said sharply. "I wouldn't demean myself, and I think you might have asked me straight out instead of hinting..." She stopped and bit her lip as "Weary Willie" held up his hand for silence.

"My... er... my dear Miss Killigrew," he said quickly, "such a thought never entered my head... I am merely asking for your help... that you will... er... report anything that you see..."

Daphne's hot blush subsided and with it went a little of her anger. She began to feel slightly ashamed of her too hasty defence.

"I'm sorry," she said dully. "I'm not feeling very well this evening. I'm afraid I lost my temper."

"Quite all right," he reassured her quickly, "but you mustn't jump to conclusions... er... my dear Miss Killigrew... If it was really about someone quite different I wanted to ask you. You have a red-haired girl called Jean Gray on your counter. As far as you know she is... er... quite all right, I suppose?"

Daphne laughed. "She's so honest she wouldn't touch a pin," she said. "I'd as soon suspect myself!"

"Ah!" "Weary Willie" seemed to meditate. "That is... er... very satisfactory... but... er... I mean to say, have you any grounds for that belief?"

Daphne opened her mouth and then shut it again. What did she really know of Jean's affairs? Only what Jean herself told her.

"I just know she's all right," she said doggedly, "but I'll watch, if you like."

Better, she thought, that she should watch than that they should put a spy on to follow the girl.

"Weary Willie's" lugubrious face brightened.

"That's... er... splendid," he said. "Perhaps you'll report again to me next week?"

What with the anxiety of watching to see that Jean did nothing that could be construed as suspect by the most suspicious mind; attending to her customers, and trying at the same time to overhear the interview she intended to have with Evelyn that afternoon; Saturday morning passed in a whirl, and it was with a beating heart that Daphne changed after her luncheon and walked round to Evelyn's rooms.

The landlady opened the door. "Miss Patterson's not in yet," she said, "but she's only gone round the corner to fetch some crumpets to 'er tea and then she's going to wash 'er pretty head. Come in and wait, dearie. It's bitter cold outside. You'll find a nice bit of fire in 'er room."

Daphne smiled and thanked her as she started to climb the stairs to the first floor where Evelyn had a bed-sitting room. It was a large old-fashioned room, with a tiny dressing room off it, big enough to contain a gas ring and bath. The room was well furnished; for Evelyn had brought in some of her own things. Though she never talked much about her parents or her background, Daphne thought that she had a bit of money of her own.

The curtains were drawn and the fire burned merrily. Daphne took off her gloves and warmed her hands while her gaze roved round the room. On the bed was a pile of something covered with an old counterpane. Hardly thinking what she was doing, Daphne lifted one corner of the cloth to see what was under it.

On the bed lay a collection of clothes, stockings, gloves, hats and handbags. Some of the tickets were still pinned on the hem of the dresses. "Macpherson's Store," they read, "5½ gns."

Daphne dropped the corner of the sheet as if it had stung her. What was Evelyn doing with all these things? "Dresses, gloves, and stockings, hats," she remembered the conversation with "Weary Willie" the night before. It was impossible. It was dreadful, disloyal... Evelyn could not possibly... She buried her face in her hands and wept.

When Evelyn came in a few moments later she had partially recovered herself and a dull misery had taken the place of her first indignant horror. After all... if Evelyn could steal her friend's young man, why should she stop at that?

"I've seen the things," she pointed to the bed and tears filled her eyes again. "Oh, Evelyn!" Evelyn looked at her quite quietly and put down the bag of crumpets. Then she took off her hat and smoothed the shining waves of her hair.

"What things?" she asked. "Oh, you know... Why pretend you are such a little innocent?" Daphne spoke almost angrily.

Evelyn's fine eyebrows went up. "Pretend?" she said. "Will you explain?"

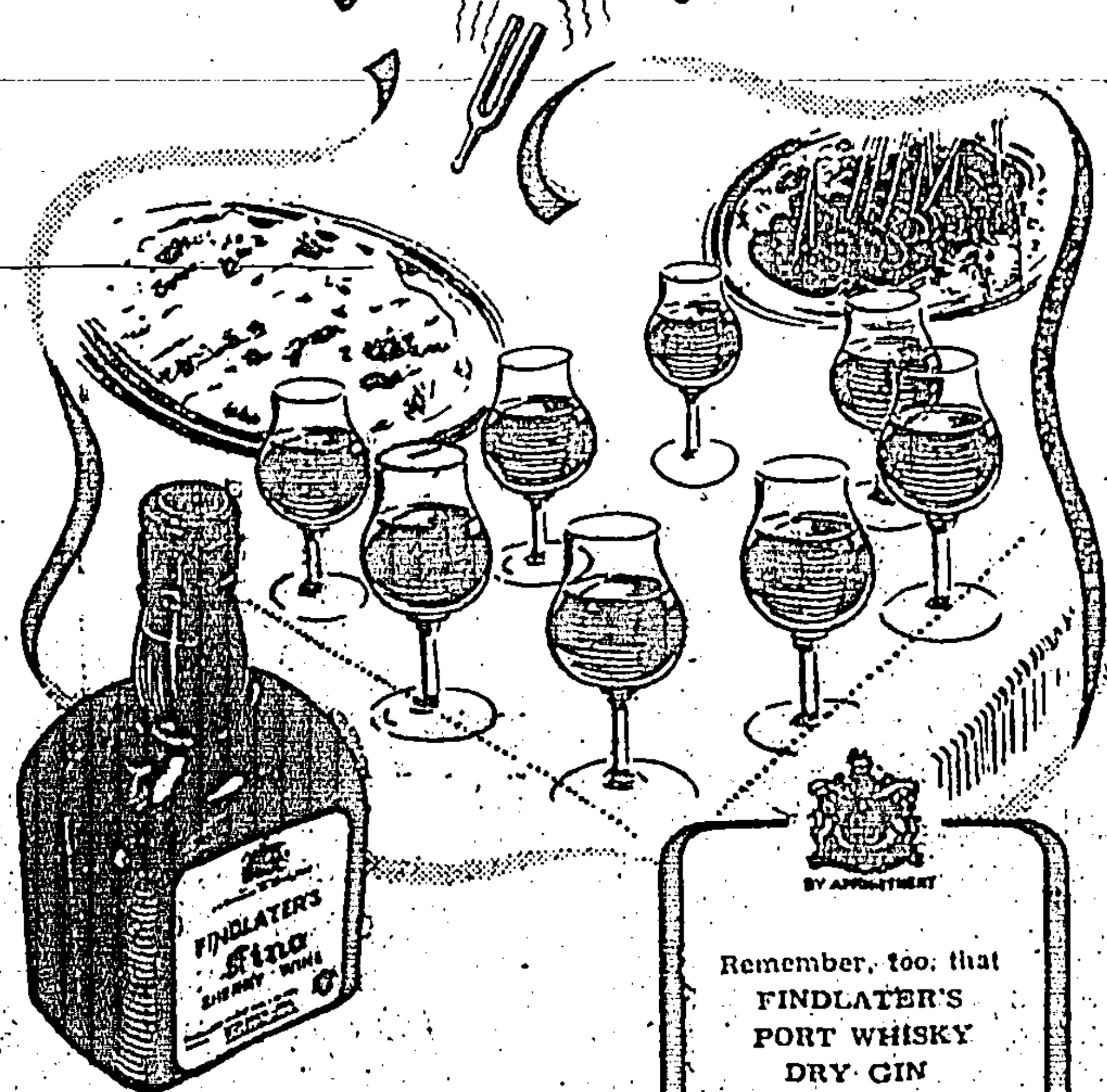
"Yes!" Daphne said. "I'll explain. But first I want to ask you a question. Why did you kiss John Greening outside this door the other night? You knew that I was keen on him and after that dance I thought he'd ask me to marry him..." He kissed me, and then you come along and take him away..." Her voice rose to a wail. "Why do you want him?" she cried. "Haven't you got enough men of your own?" She pointed to the bed. "You can't deny those clothes are the ones that have been stolen from Macpherson's, and they're suspecting poor Jean. I suppose John helps you to steal..." a common thief—just like you!"

Her voice broke, and with a little moan she slipped down on her knees by the chair and wept despairingly.

So deeply was she immersed in woe that she did not hear the door open. John Greening came into the room. He glanced quickly at Evelyn and without making

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Nazi Persecution Of The Jews

The persecution of the Jews by the Nazis in the Low Countries appears to be increasing in proportion to the resistance offered by the local populations to the regime introduced there by the invaders. All acts of sabotage of Nazi orders are attributed by the authorities to the secret influence of Jews. Accordingly, the Nazi rulers are pouring their wrath on Jews and are constantly inventing measures to segregate non-Jews from Jews and to sow discord between them.

In Luxembourg, ten yellow seats labelled "for Jews only" have been placed in a remote corner of the city park and even those ghetto seats can only be used by the Jews for one hour daily, from 6 to 7 a.m. The local Jewish soup kitchen has also been ordered to distribute its meals to the needy at 6 a.m. The excuse is that the rush of Jews to obtain free food during the day is obstructing city traffic.

In Holland, the Nazis have announced that no ration cards will be issued to Jews to obtain new clothes, underwear and footwear.

The Nazi authorities in Amsterdam have also ordered the important restaurants and cafes to display notices that Jewish customers are not desired by them.

Most characteristic, however, has been the Nazi effort to discredit Queen Wilhelmina in the eyes of the Dutch people in connection with her Majesty's sixtieth birthday. Fearing loyal demonstrations in honour of the beloved Queen the Nazis have distributed pamphlets alleging that the Dutch Dynasty originates from a Jewish family from Spain, which settled in Holland after the Spanish Inquisition. The Dutch people, however, treated the Nazi "revelations" concerning their Queen with the contempt they deserved.

In Belgium, Jews have been banned from the re-opened Stock Exchanges.

Norway Confiscations

The impression produced in Norway by the presentation to the country of the German bill of £10,000,000 for the expenses of the Nazi army of occupation has been of a nature which even the invaders and the Norwegian Quislings could not ignore.

Accordingly, they set to work to try and soften the blow by endeavouring to persuade the population that in reality a large part

of the bill would be paid by the Jews in Norway and by the Norwegians who had fled with King Haakon to Britain. This process, they declared, is to be accomplished by the seizure of the property of the Norwegian refugees and by the confiscation of 80 per cent. of the property of the Jews by the end of the current year.

The Norwegian people, however, have not been deceived, fully realising that whatever construction was put upon the methods for raising the sum demanded by the Nazis their bill involved a loss to the country of £10,000,000.

Restrictions In Germany

The Government Food Department in Germany has forbidden Jew to purchase fruit without special permits. This restriction is a severe blow to the Jews in

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view of the great use made by them of unrationed fruit as a substitute for rationed articles of food, which they experience great difficulty in obtaining. In future, however, fruit, too, will be rationed for the Jews.

The Government has also announced that from September 1, Jews in Germany will not be allowed to remain telephone subscribers.

Exceptions will only be made in the case of Jewish communal offices, Jewish clinics, Jewish doctors and lawyers allowed to practice among Jews and Jewish citizens of Soviet Russia, U.S.A. and

the Latin American States, who are able to furnish to the authorities certificates of respectability from their Consulates.

Arrests Of Polish Jews

The Gestapo authorities in Poland have lately been displaying great anxiety about the rapid dissemination of news items broadcast from London to the people throughout the Nazi zone of Poland. They have therefore carried out numerous raids in various towns and a considerable number of Jews have been arrested on charges of listening in to the London broadcasts and of informing the population about them.

Labour Leaders Warning

The action of the Vichy Government in abrogating the decree

Daphne's Dilemma

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a sound she slipped quietly into the bathroom. Daphne, her face buried in her hands, still sobbed in broken-hearted despair.

John looked at her. His eyes were very tender. Then he bent down and lifted her up until she was lying in his arms, her face buried in a big silk handkerchief. About a minute, he said "Now suppose you tell me what you're crying about?"

Daphne blinked at him. Somehow it did not seem at all strange to be sitting on his lap having her eyes mopped dry while he looked at her with twinkling blue eyes.

"I've found out . . ." she said tremulously. "I've found out that you and Evelyn are thieves! And I saw you kiss her," she added, and gulped down a sob.

John put back his head and laughed. Laughed until Daphne began to think he must be mad.

"Silly little thing!" he said at last. "It's my job to find those clothes. I'm the new store detective . . . they had to get me in when the thefts got too bad. Evelyn was helping me."

"Evelyn . . ." Daphne repeated. "Why does she help you?"

John bent down, his mouth very close to hers. Their faces were so near that Daphne could see little reflections of herself in each of his eyes.

"Evelyn," he said softly, "is my half-sister. Some day, she'll be yours too."

of April 21, 1939, which made illegal the defamation of Jews in France, and many other anti-Jewish moves made by Marshal Petain's Ministers, have produced a counter-movement in French Labour circles, which has for its aim the combating of Nazism, Fascism and anti-Semitism.

The leaders of the new movement have already issued secret leaflets warning the French people that the pillars of the Vichy Government, and not the Ministers who are on trial at Riom, are responsible for the humiliation suffered by France. The leaflets characterised the Riom trial as a second Dreyfus case and appealed to the French people to reject Nazi and anti-Semitic principles. The discovery of these secret leaflets in occupied France has already led to numerous arrests of Frenchmen and Jews.



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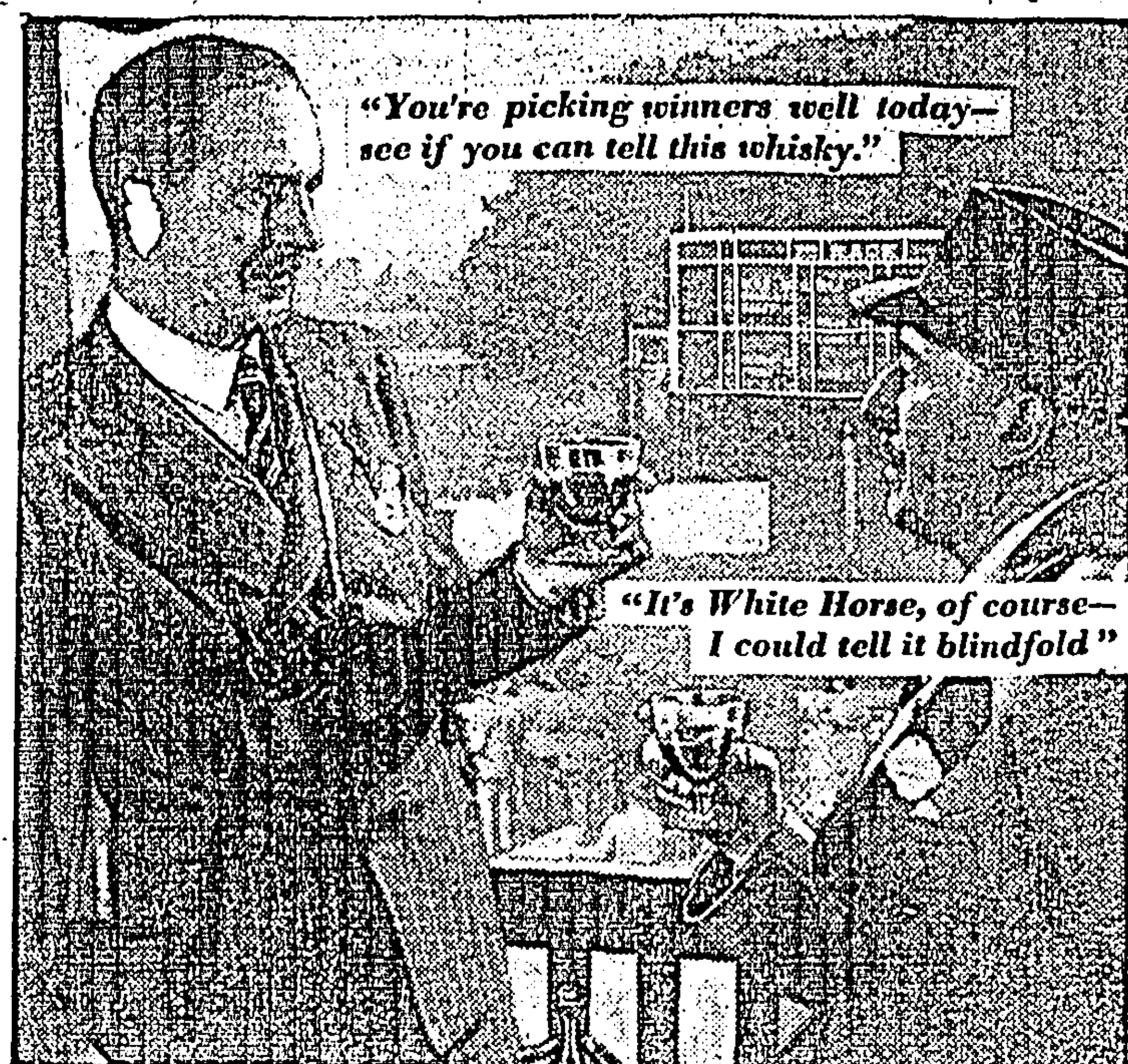
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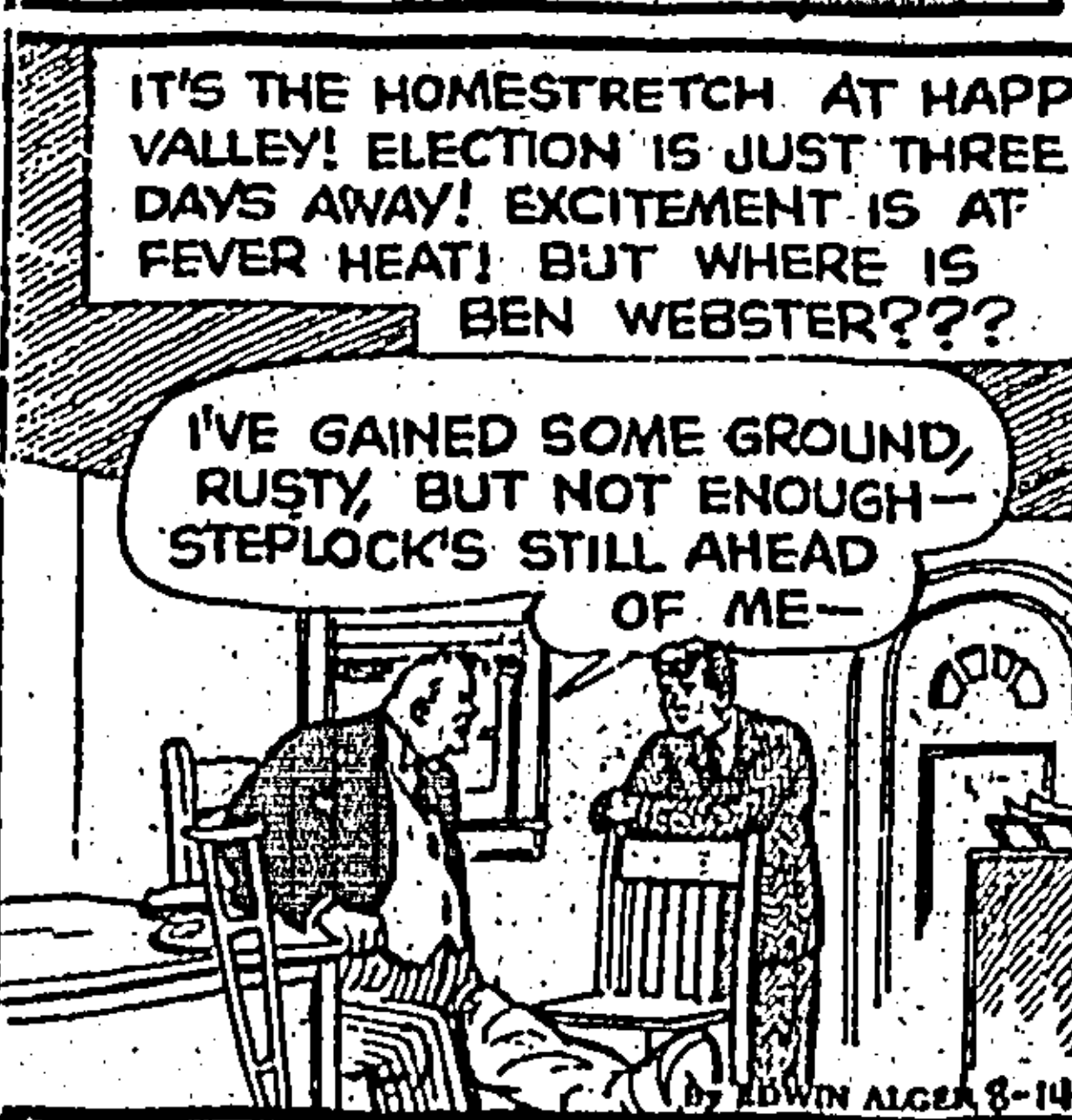
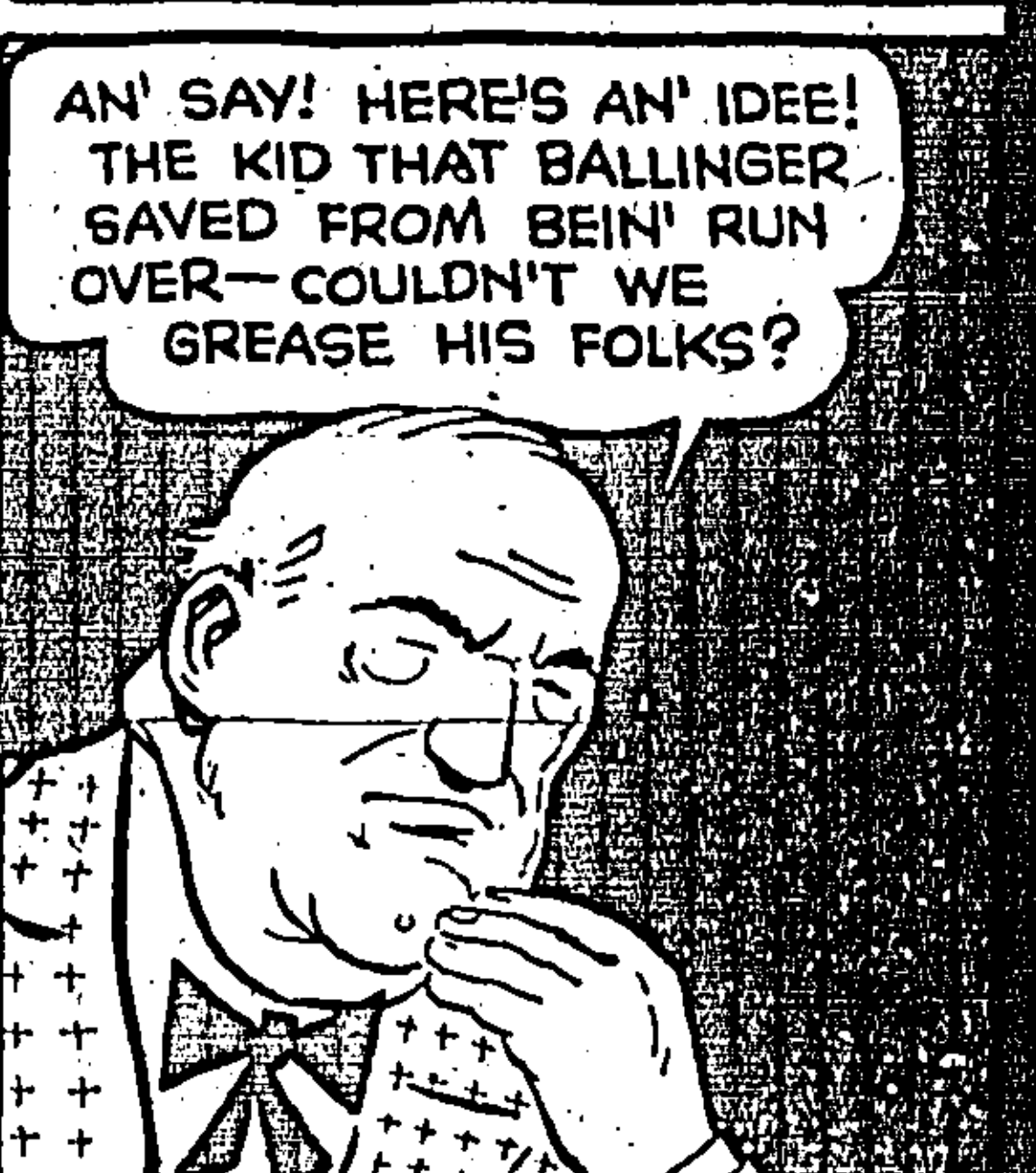
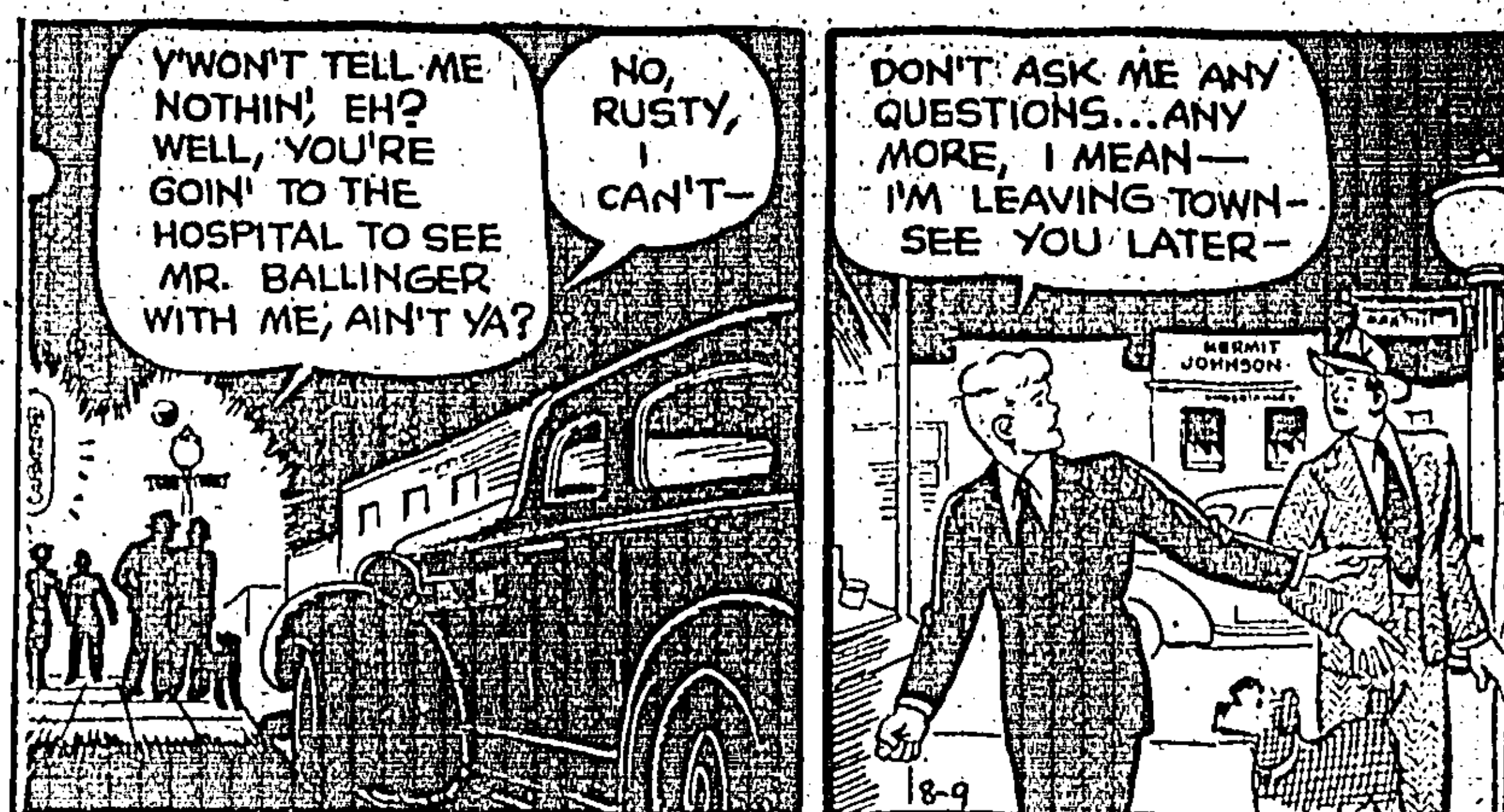
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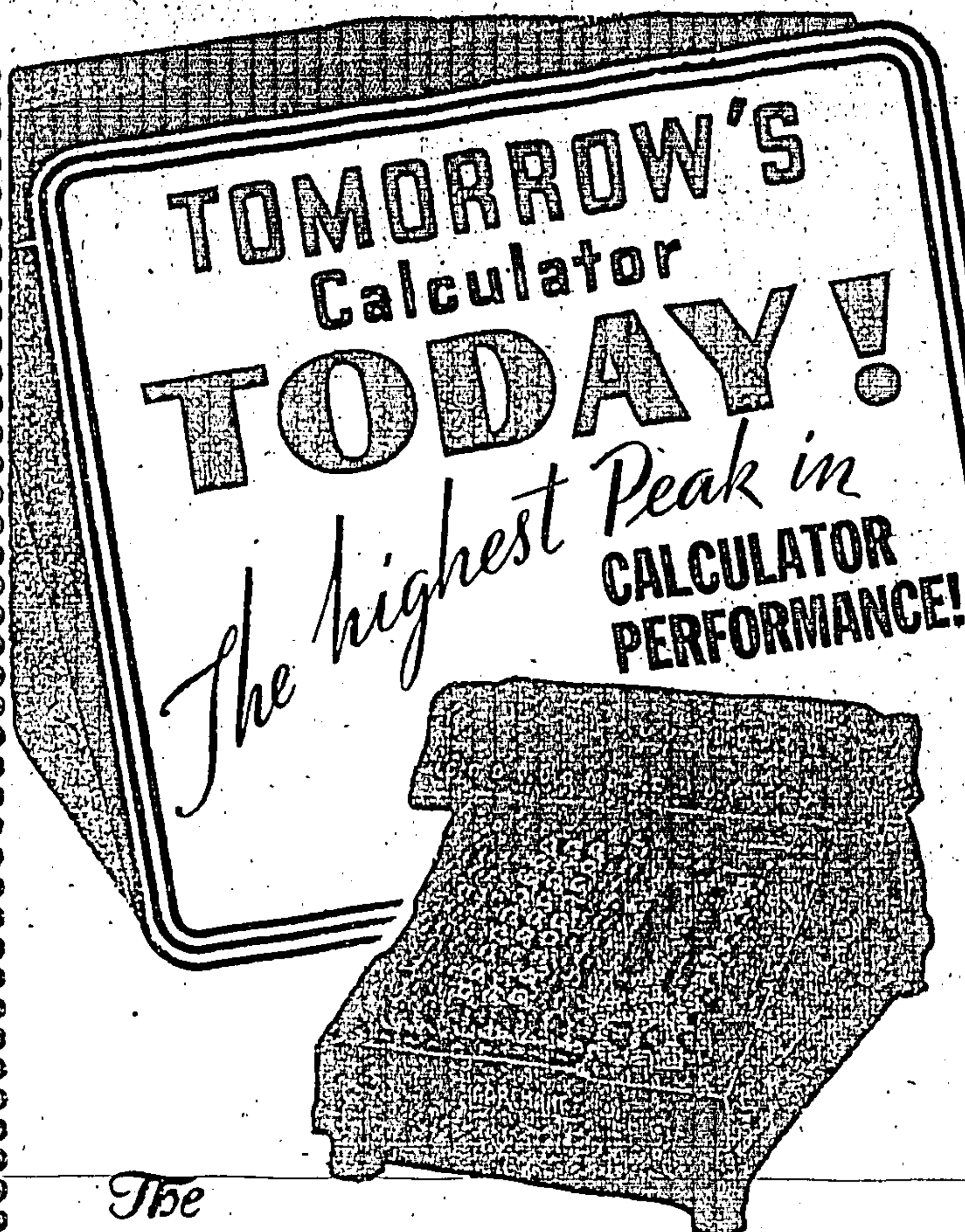
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The Strength & Weakness Of The French Air Force

LET us go back in thought to the month of August 1939. Public opinion was then trying to foresee how the Allied armies would react when faced by the German forces. People said: the weak point will be the French Air Force.

Events have not confirmed this forecast. It is not the German planes which have conquered France, it is the mechanised and armoured divisions. It is not the weakness of the French Air Force which has astonished the world, but the weakness of the French land forces.

The weaknesses of our strategic and tactical conceptions, the archaic character of our armaments, the insufficiency of training and above all the lack of creative imagination on the part of our General Staffs have been brought to light on land, rather than in the air.

Following this general observation, we must explain the

strength and the weakness of the French Air Force.

Everywhere where it was in action in more or less normal conditions, the French Air Force showed itself superior to the German Air Force. This superiority arose from two causes: the worth of the men and the quality of the material.

The worth of the men is undeniable. On the whole, French airmen had a better moulding and better training than the German airmen. We must praise not only their courage but their technical and military value. The crews were excellent, the young officers did wonders. If we except the High Command (which was distinctly beneath its task) the chiefs, from General Tetu down to the squadron leaders, were well up to their job.

Similarly, the material in service at the beginning of the war was of good quality. The Potez 63 and the Morane 405, without mentioning the American machines, did excellent work. More easily manoeuvrable than the German planes, they enabled our airmen to carry out their missions.

So much for the qualities, but let us consider the defects.

The French Air Force suffered from insufficiency in two directions.

First, the insufficiency of French anti-aircraft defence. Most of the airfields were not sufficiently protected against enemy air attack. The same state of things applied in the case of French factories, towns, bridges and railway stations. We lacked anti-aircraft artillery.

This resulted in two weaknesses for our Air Force: at the airfields we lost far too many planes on the ground and in the land battles against the armoured units or the German columns our Air Force, hindered by the excellent German defence, could not take part as effectively as did the German Air Force against our own troops.

Secondly, our Air Force was a great deal smaller than the German Air Force. Undoubtedly France had the right to count on the support of the R.A.F. This support was given generously. It exceeded the anticipations of the General Staffs, and all Frenchmen are grateful for the admirable efforts of the British airmen in defending French towns and French troops. But in the whole French military machine, the Air Force, like the tanks, represented too small a part.

Let us seek the causes of this double inferiority.

As always in France, an effort has been made to fix the responsibility politically. The French

always try to find scapegoats. The fault, it was said, lies with the Ministers of Air — including the author of this article — and with the Popular Front.

The truth is otherwise. At the root of our inferiority in the air, there is an error of military conception. We did not have more planes, just as we did not have more tanks, because for too long a period our important military leaders believed neither in the Air Force nor in tanks.

The obvious proof of this error of conception is provided by the insufficiency of French anti-aircraft defence. This anti-aircraft defence (and in particular anti-

By M. Pierre Cot

aircraft artillery) was the province not of the Air Ministry, but of the Ministry of War.

If our chiefs of the General Staff had believed in the Air Force, they would have taken measures to defend their troops and territory against aerial attack by the enemy. They failed to do this because they did not believe in the Air Force. Further: in December 1936, the Air Ministry submitted to the Higher War Committee a plan providing that the anti-aircraft defence services should be doubled. The Committee considered that there was no need to take this plan into consideration.

But let us leave anti-aircraft defence and come to the Air Force properly so called.

It was not until 1938, that is to say, too late, that the French General Staff appears to have realised the importance of the Air Force. Up to this time, it had invariably preferred to devote to the land forces and to the Maginot Line the credits voted by Parliament. The following facts show this.

(1) The French Air Force was created in April 1933. Before this date, France had only a co-operative air arm, an auxiliary force attached to the land forces. The creation of the Air Force was decided upon against the advice of the Chief of the General Staff, who was then General Weygand.

(2) In June 1936, the plan for organising the Air Force, drawn up by the military authorities, provided for a force of 1,000 first-line planes with 20 per cent. in reserve, making a total of 1,200 machines. This plan was only carried out to half its extent. By August of that year, in reply to the German effort, we had adopted a plan for 1,500 first-line planes with 40 per cent. in reserve, that is a total of 2,400 planes to be built in three years. In addition, in December 1936, the Ministry of Air laid a proposal before the Higher War Committee to double this plan (and to double the anti-aircraft artillery). By a decision of January 1937, the Higher War Committee refused to consider this increase of the Air Force. It was not until the spring of 1938 that the scheme could be taken up again.

(3) In August 1937, the Ministry of Air had its requests for credits cut by 20 per cent. by the Ministry of Finance.

We could quote other instances. But these are sufficient to show that up to 1938 nothing considerable or in earnest was undertaken to reply to the German air effort, and that, despite the efforts and the requests of the Air Ministry.

Two observations will complete this impression:

First, in 1936 and 1937, the credits granted for the Air Force were less than £50,000,000. These credits represented 18 per cent. of the whole credits allotted to National Defence. During this same period, the credits granted to the British Air Force were between two and three times higher, and those granted to the German Air Force were probably five times higher. It was only in 1938 and 1939 that the credits granted to the French Air Ministry were increased and brought up to about £200,000,000. It will be seen how unjust it would be to hold the Air Ministers of 1936 and 1937 responsible for a state of affairs against which they themselves unremittently protested.

Secondly, at the end of 1936, the French Air Ministry created groups of Air Infantry (parachutists). These troops, admirably trained by a most competent officer, played a successful part in the manoeuvres of 1937. In spite of this, in 1939 the credits necessary for their maintenance were withdrawn, the greatest of our military leaders having said that these were merely circus stunts! The German use of parachutists has proved what the conceptions of our important military leaders were worth where the Air Force was concerned.

In reality, with insufficient means, the French Air Ministry built up a good Air Force. It was not the fault of the Air Ministry, nor that of its leaders, if the Ministry of National Defence and War, on the one hand, and the Chief of the General Staff, on the other hand, refused from 1936 to 1938 to believe in the Air Force, from 1936 to 1939 to make a sufficient effort in anti-aircraft defence, and from 1938 to 1940 to believe in parachute troops.

All French authorities bear their part of responsibility in the French debacle. But the heaviest responsibility remains that of military chiefs who were too old, who prepared for a war on the lines of 1918, instead of boldly adopting those modern armaments, the aeroplane and the tank, on which our enemies built up their Army and based their strategy.

Let us hope that in the future, chiefs who are young and worthy of the French people and French

traditions will enable France to redeem the mistakes and the errors of the old and incapable men who directed her military policy.

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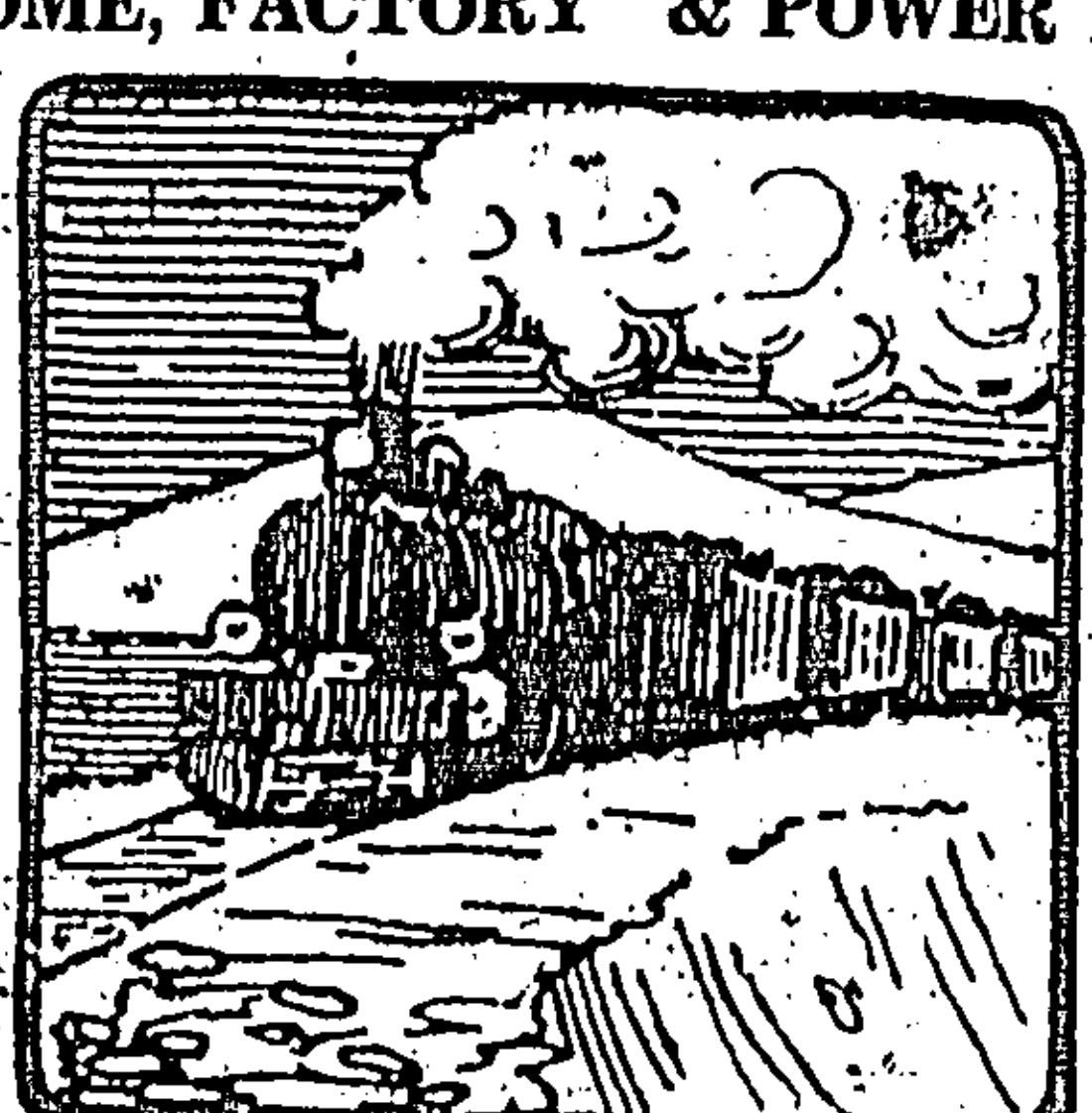
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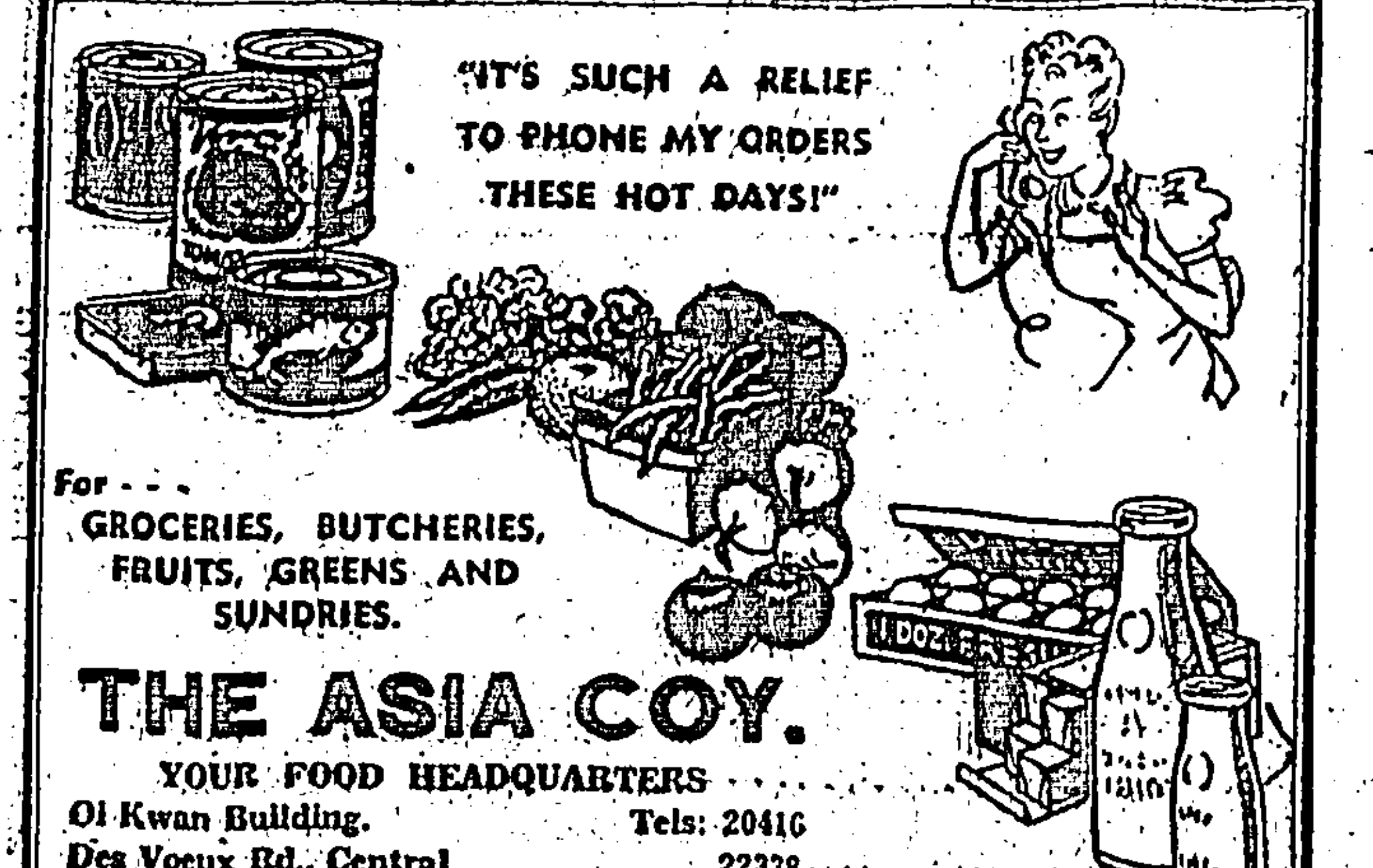
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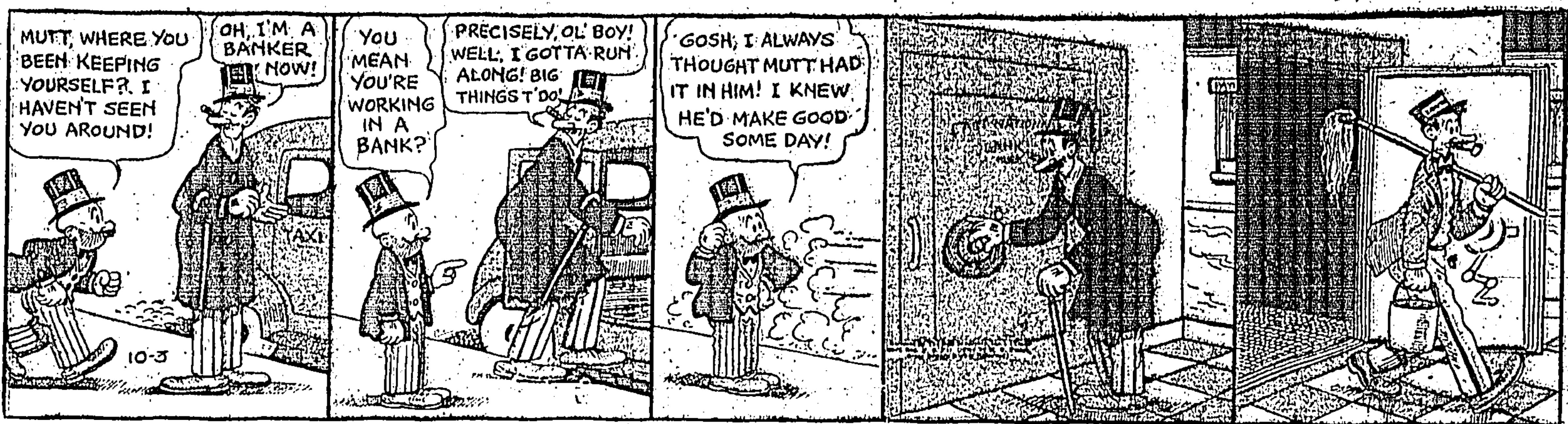
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Lustre To Fading Hair

AFTER thirty-five, the majority of women experience fading hair and possibly graying hair. They may have neglected their scalps, or they may not. No scientist has yet been able to tell us why some women's hair fades more quickly than others. There are many guesses on the subject but the fact remains that there seems little we can do to prevent our hair from turning gray. But we can keep fading hair looking alive and lustrous by pampering it daily with sensible care.

Dry scalps, which usually accompany fading or graying hair, respond willingly to oil. Lots of oil. Oil soaks the night before a shampoo, hot oil shampoos in a salon, and an oil pomade rubbed on curled ends after a setting. Also use an oil liquid shampoo—not a drying one. Between shampoos it is a good idea to rub on the scalp sparingly, a little lubricating ointment or a special tonic mixed for your particular hair condition. At no time should your hair look oily, nor should it look dry and faded.



Various Rinses

Blondes or redheads may use a camomile rinse to get a sunny lustre. This is done by steeping one cupful of camomile flowers (purchased at a reputable drug-store) in a quart of boiling water. Strain the mixture and put it on the hair after a thorough shampoo and rinsing. Comb it through the hair evenly and let it remain until next washing.

A lemon rinse, as most of you know, is used to brighten and fluff light hair. The usual mixture is the juice of a large lemon in a quart of warm water. This also is applied after a thorough soap shampoo and several clear water rinsings. Allow it to remain on the hair a few minutes and then rinse it off with clear warm water.

Brunettes and mousey-haired women may use a vinegar rinse to soften the hair and give it a becoming sheen. Four tablespoons of vinegar in a quart of warm water run through the hair and then rinsed off with fresh warm water, does the trick.

Whitening Yellowed Gray Hair

If your hair is light gray or near white, and if the ends are turning yellow, you may bleach it slightly by adding a little hair-rinsing bluing to the last clear water rinse. There is also a tonic available which when used daily, gradually whitens hair that has taken a long time turning. It is available at most good cosmetic counters. Definitely harmless—in fact, it aids your scalp as it whitens the hair.

Henna Rinses

The use of henna to liven fading hair has long been a favorite among women, but most women do not realize that henna shades must be carefully selected, brewed, and applied, so it is best to have henna applied by a professional hair tinter the first time. Then if you are capable, you may apply the henna rinse at home. Never attempt to cover bleached hair with henna without first restoring the hair's vitality through several thorough oil treatments and much brushing.



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side the bag to hold mending silks, wool and darning needles.

It takes care and practice to become a neat mender, and that's why small daughters should be taught to darn neatly as soon as they are old enough to learn to sew.

Look over the stockings you are wearing regularly and watch to see if they are getting thin. It is always wise to darn over the thin places before the holes appear.

Every time you buy a pair of stockings darn across the heels and toes with fine running stitches before you start to wear them.

They will last you double the time.

The same applies to children's socks.

Narrow ladders can be neatly mended by placing the two edges of running stitches on the wrong side with a very fine needle and a single fine strand of darning silks.

Remember when you darn woolen socks for the man of the family to darn them neatly, leaving a small loop at each end of the row of stitches to allow for shrinking.

In the case of hand-knitted socks, it's always best, when there are fairly big holes, to unravel the stocking or sock to the ankle and then re-knit the foot.

Now is a good time to overhaul autumn tweeds and woollens for any necessary repairs.

As a general rule tears in tweeds and other woollens should have professional attention, and I believe in sending them to a stopper.

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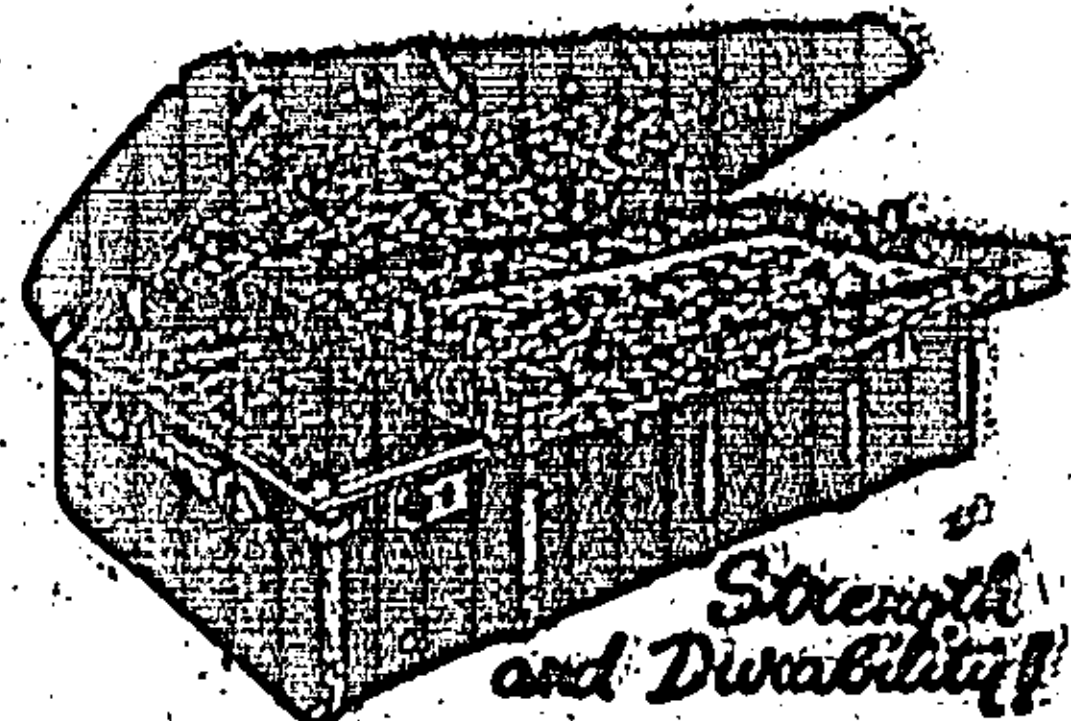
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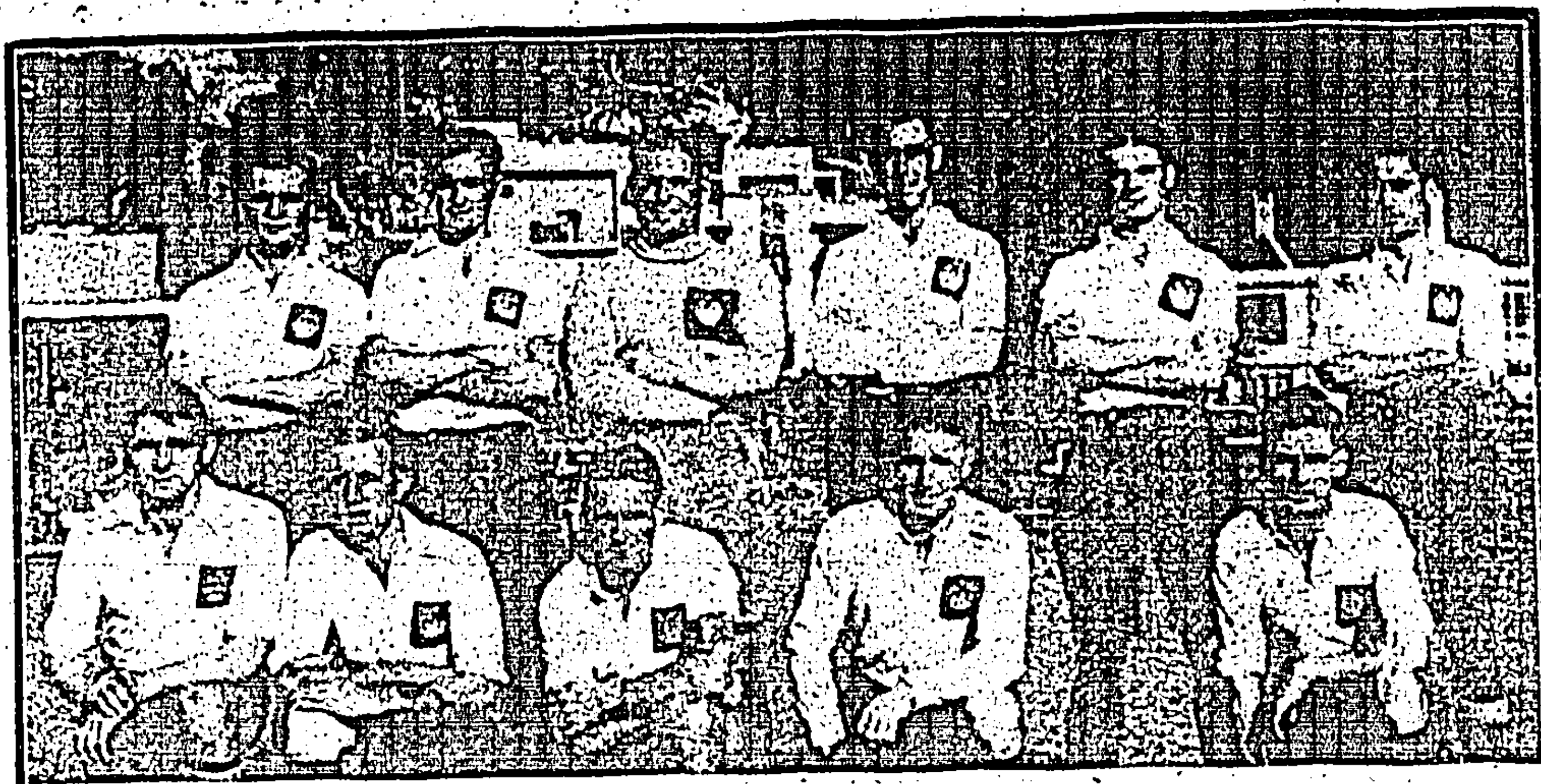
His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, with his A.D.C., Captain Batty-Smith, at the Poppy Day soccer game. (Kahn).

Poppy Day Football

Picture taken at the Poppy Day match between United Services and The Rest. Photo shows Brigadier Reeve, Major-General A. E. Grasett, Lady MacGregor and His Honour the Chief Justice. (Kahn).



Hussain of St. Joseph's and Chan Tak-fai of South China leaping for a high ball in the First Division match on Sunday. South China won. (Kahn).



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U. S. Search For New Rubber Plant

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While these bands of United States plant pioneers are engaged in hunting for a blight-resistant plant, upon which a great new international industry may be founded, other biologists are working overtime in attempting to evolve a new strain of the rubber tree—which is half tree and half shrub—of the South American hevea rubber, that will bring back to the New World the rubber industry that started here, but that was "kidnapped" years ago and taken far away to the Indies where the rubber supply is now menaced by ominous international relations in the Pacific. American biological investigators, in one of the greatest programmes of biological research ever undertaken, in field, laboratory and testing station, are now trying to bring the kidnapped victim back to its own home again.

Good-Night Policy Involved

Almost unique is one feature of the enterprise, that the United States Government is trying to establish this industry not in its own territory but in Latin-American countries which will be vastly benefited if the enterprise is successful. They will grow rubber and sell it to the United States; they will profit and so will their northern neighbour. The United States investigators are getting cooperation from every country through which exploratory parties are going, or where plant experimental stations are being set up. It is a concrete illustration of the practical good-neighbour policy at work, and of the friendly response it evokes.

Back in Washington at a desk in the Bureau of Plant Industry, in the marble-fronted Department of Agriculture sits a hard-working natural scientist, Dr. E. W. Brandes, head of the whole research problem, putting in as many as 16 hours a day and now receiving on almost every Latin-American clipper mail a report of the progress from one of his exploratory parties, or from a scientific group "on location" as part of the increasing data needed in one of the world's great plant-hunts. He is at the centre of the search although he is thousands of miles away, co-ordinating the problem like a general directing battle, and attempting now, with a big Federal sum at last available, to crack the biological riddle that has so far not even yielded to the efforts for the big Ford organisation in the Amazon region.

Defence Phase Prominent

The problem is of importance to every American who drives a car, and behind that, to the country at large as a matter of national defence and hemispherical solidarity. At best of times the price of rubber is artificially maintained, it is charged, in a plantation agreement by leaders in British, Malaya, Dutch East Indies, and to a smaller extent, Ceylon and French Indo-China. The Ford, Firestone, Goodyear interests have all tried to break the hold. Firestone has had some success in Liberia, Ford, however, has run into obstacles in Brazil. In a minor way Ford and Goodyear interests are also now experimenting in Costa Rica.

As for national defence it is obvious on the economic side that every big industry that means goods coming to the United States in exchange for hard cash going to Latin America, binds the New World closer together. Trade ties are important.

Americans to-day move increasingly on rubber. Last year the United States imported \$131,671,000 of it, of which only \$1,830,000 came from Latin America, where the hevea rubber tree originated.

Latin American "seringueiros" still tap white latex-yielding sap

of the wild rubber trees growing sparsely in the lush tropical areas, but the vast bulk of rubber comes from a small area in the Far East where rubber plantations have intensified the yield, year by year, by developing now and better strains of the originally wild

'PLANE DEFIES UNCLE SAM

For more than two hours men at the North Island naval air station (San Diego, Calif.) watched a 'plane circle overhead in defiance of Uncle Sam's defence law. Then it landed.

The craft proved to be a toy powered by rubber bands. Air currents had kept it aloft.

plant. What would happen to the United States, it is asked, if this supply were cut off by war? Even now the Defence Commission is rushing supplies to prepare the country against any emergency.

ADDED POWER FOR THE GESTAPO NEW PERIL

EXTENSION OF powers of the Gestapo—Germany's Secret Police—to include execution of non-German subjects without trial gives some indication of methods which may be used to maintain order in German occupied territories.

This latest decree, marking another step farther away from international standards of justice, has so far only been used against non-Germans within Germany itself.

Thus a Polish worker—not a prisoner of war—was recently given capital punishment for alleged association with a German prisoner of war.

However, increasing severity of Nazi justice in the occupied territories leads to the belief that the new decree may be soon extended to these areas.

The "People's Courts" or Volkgericht, which are theoretically based upon the judgments of experts even though generally dominated by Party political considerations, are already in operation in the German dominated territories. One of these courts which sat in the ballroom of the Princess Juliana's former palace at The

Hague recently sentenced a young nurse to three years' imprisonment for writing on a wall the words, "Down with Hitler." The same court fined an innkeeper £120 and added a six-months' prison sentence for listening in to the Netherlands broadcast from London.

An Associated Press report from Berlin stated that three prisoners in the Munster Prison were given capital punishment Sept. 28 for mutiny. They were charged with using war conditions—especially confusion during an air alarm—to attempt escape.

Prison camps in occupied France, such as one at St. Cloud Alencon, and reported to be full of French men and women who have protested or been "guilty" of listening to the British radio. Similar incidents are happening in other occupied countries in increasing numbers, according to reports reaching here.

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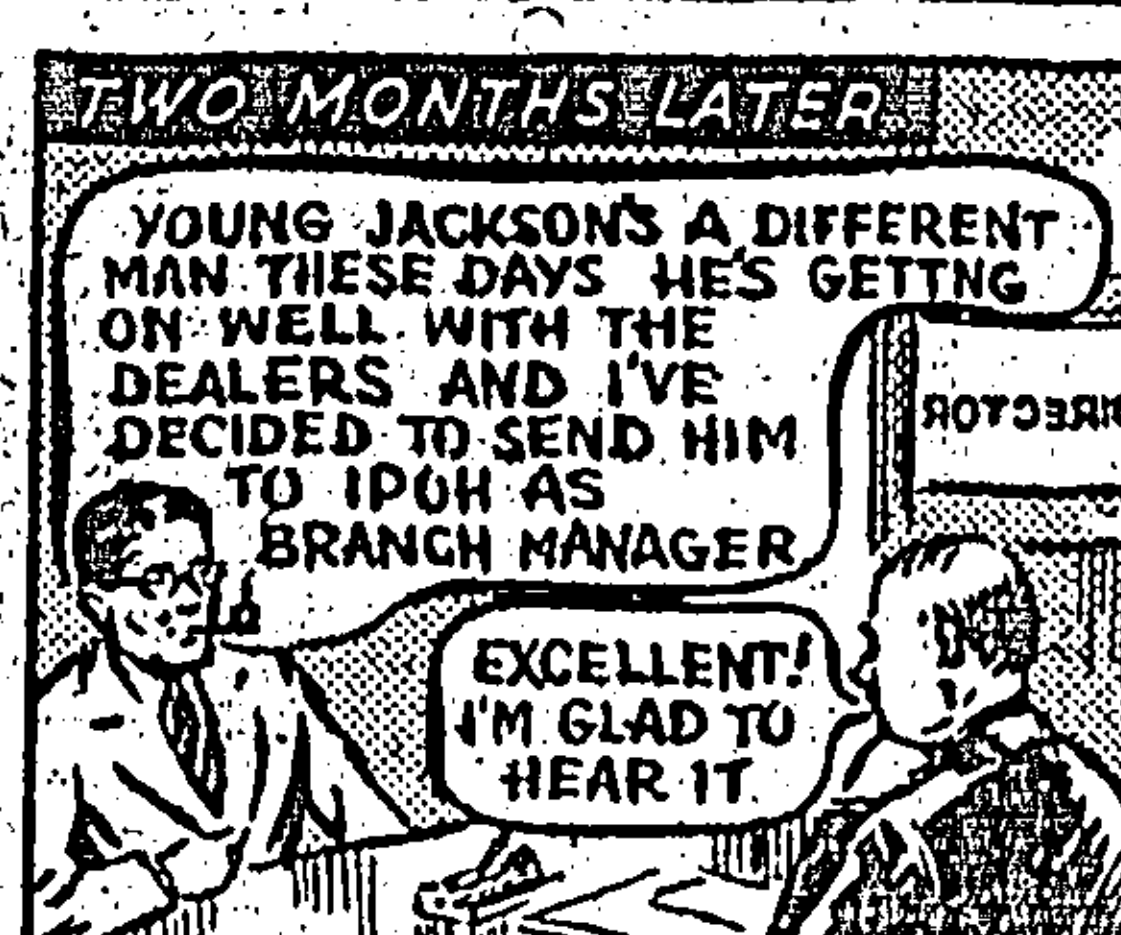
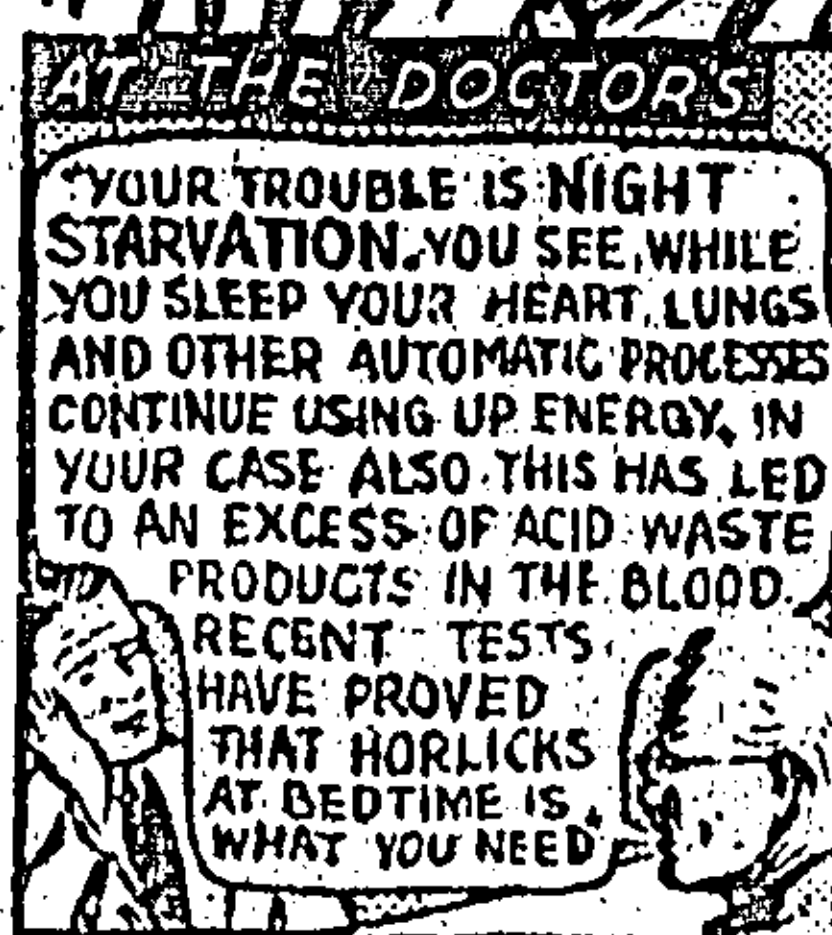
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Eleventh Extra Race Meeting,
16th November, 1940

HANDICAP WEIGHTS

Race No. 4. New Bridge Handicap—First Section.
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Race No. 6. New South Wales Handicap.

Weights in the above have been reduced 5 lb. all round.
The correct weights will appear in the Race Book.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th November, 1940.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of November, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4296.	Kowloon City Road, To Kwa Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 16,300	\$300 \$12,225



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2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4297.	Adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4146, Ping Street, Kau Pui Shek.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 5,754	\$58 \$1,201

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By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
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Hong Kong, 4th October, 1940.

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BRIDGE NOTES

THE COMPULSORY DUCK

By The Four Aces

In most situations a player may choose between playing a high and a low card, but the hand below illustrates a compulsory duck:

West, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K 7 5 3
♥ 6
♦ A Q J 10
♣ A K J 6

♠ A 2
♥ A K J 9
♦ 3
♣ 8 6 3

♠ J 10 9
♥ 8 7 5 2
♦ K 7 2
♣ 9 5 2

♠ Q 8 6 4
♥ Q 10 4
♦ 9 5 4
♣ Q 10 4

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♥	Dbl.	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West opened the King of hearts and then shifted to the eight of diamonds. East won with the King of diamonds and returned the suit, dummy winning with the Jack.

Declarer realised that he could not afford to let the outstanding trump Ace capture the King of the Queen, for then the opponents would surely win a second trump trick with the Jack or ten. The only chance, therefore, was to find the doubleton Ace of trumps in either the East or the West hand—and, having found that distribution, to play the trumps properly.

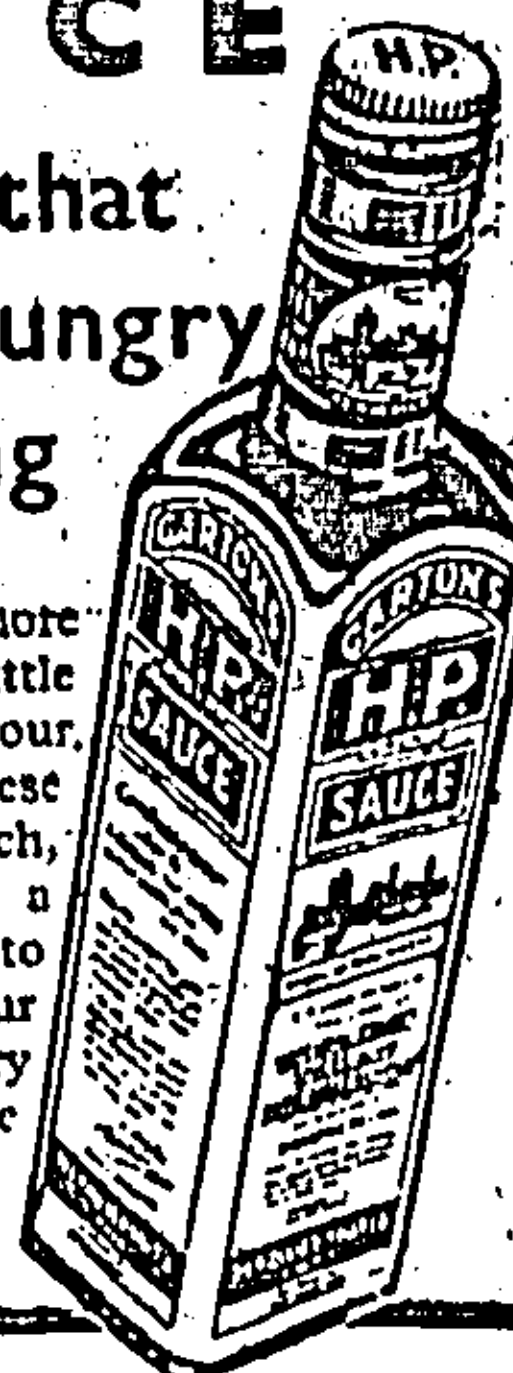
Since West had made an opening bid with not the slightest side strength in diamonds or clubs, South felt sure that the spade Ace was in the West hand. His first step, therefore was to enter his own hand by leading a low club from the dummy and winning with the ten in his own hand. Next came a low spade.

West naturally played low, since to put up the Ace would solve all of South's difficulties. Dummy won with the King of spades and returned a trump. It was at this point that it was absolutely compulsory for South to duck. To play the Queen would surely allow West to capture an honour with his Ace; and the East would win the setting trick with the Jack of trumps. South had to play low and hope that West would have to play his Ace of

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trumps anyway. Since that was the case, South made his contract.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, not vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 8
♥ A K J 10 7 3
♦ K 9 7 4
♣ 8 5

The bidding:

You	Maier	Jacoby	Schenker
1♥	Dbl.	2♥	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid four hearts. You have a fine chance to shut the opponents out of the bidding. That is highly desirable because you have practically no defensive strength; and your partner's bid shows a similar inability to defend.

Score 100% for four hearts; 60% for three hearts; 20% for pass.

Question No. 555

To-day you are Merwin D. Maier's partner and, not vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold

♠ Q 5 3 2
♥ 6
♦ A K Q 5 3
♣ K 6 2

The bidding:

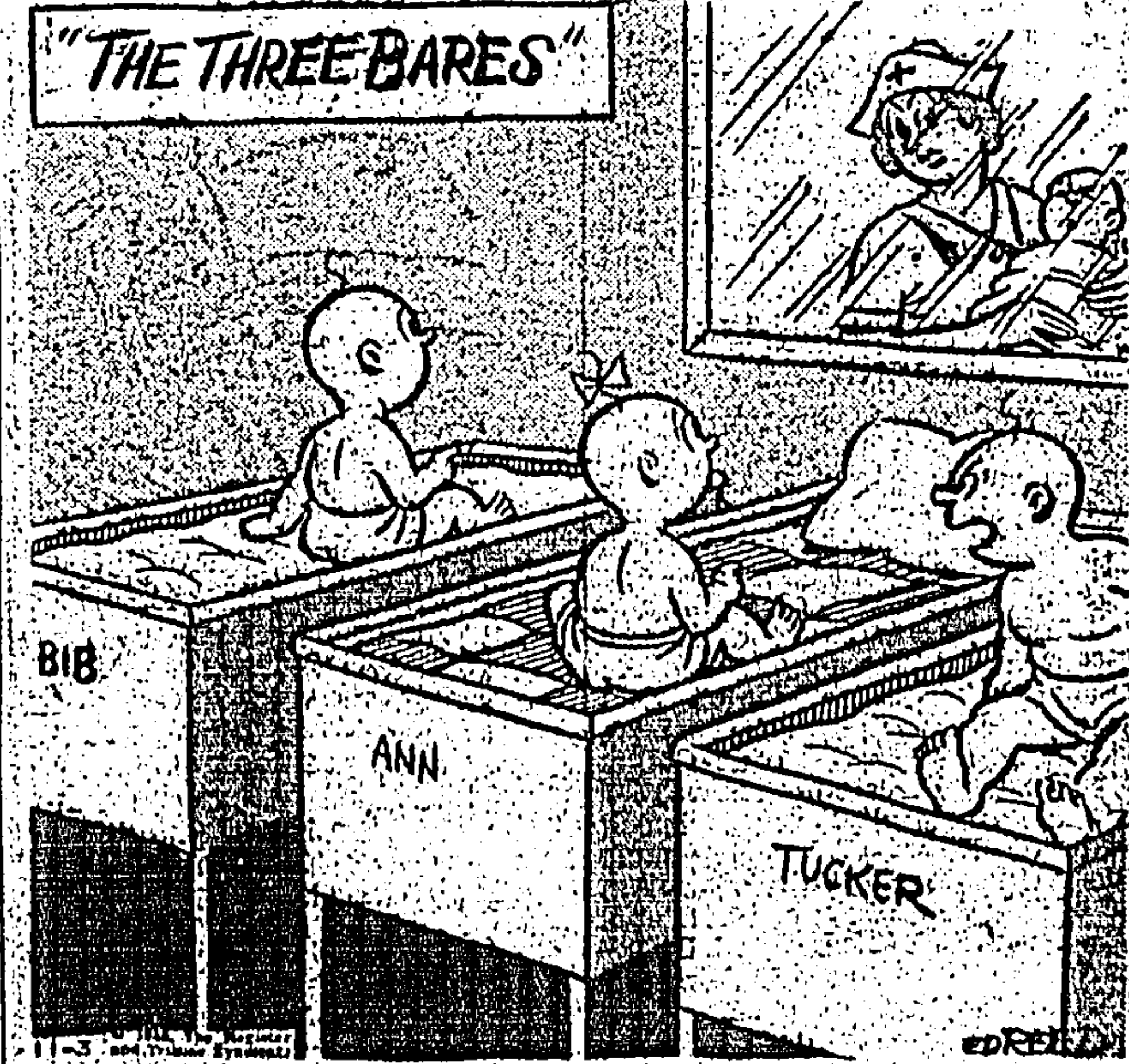
Schenker	Maier	Jacoby	You
1♥	1♠	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow.)

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"I hope that's not a brother for me—they're still holding me until Pop pays the last bill!"

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POWER FOR WEST FRENCH CANADA

Work is nearing completion in the Timiskaming hinterland of Quebec Province on the site of the dam and power plant being constructed under Quebec Government authority to supply hydroelectric facilities to the mine fields of the French-Canadian northwest. The site of the project is at a point in the Upper Ottawa River, between Grand Lake Victoria and Lac des Quinze. Three power units to be set up will develop a total of approximately 50,000 horsepower. It is expected the commercial load will be turned on in August, 1941.

When the Running Streams Commission and a Montreal engineering firm were given orders to commence construction in December, 1938, the site had been seen by few men, engineers, trappers, and woodsmen. Where only 18 months ago was thick forest now stands a complete village. Its distance from Montreal is 425 miles. The camp boasts a church, a hospital, a police department, a school, and amusement centre, library, bank, laundry, general store, barber shop, and living quarters for 800 workers, and special accommodation for resident engineers and guests.

Communication with the outside world during the summer of 1939 was maintained by aeroplanes operated between the dam site and a base at Rouyn-Noranda. The planes flew at regular intervals between May 11 and Nov. 9, when the staff again went into semi-hibernation.

Drainage area of the Ottawa River above the dam site is 5,000 square miles and the distance the reservoir will extend up river will be 47 miles. The amount of water required to fill the reservoir will be 2,350-square mile feet and the active storage capacity will be 900-square-mile feet per second.



The mentally sketchy girl friend says sometimes great love comes in a flash—especially the flash of a bank roll.

"GAS" IN KENTUCKY CAVES

American defence experts are reported to be considering storing war reserves of gasoline in Kentucky's natural caves.

Representative Beverly M. Vincent (D) of Kentucky, said he had discussed the possibility with War Department officials and that it was agreed that many of the caves could easily be made bombproof. He said there was space "to store all the gasoline we would need in a thousand years."

SIR OLIVER LODGE'S SECRET MESSAGE

Mr. W. H. Salter, secretary of the Society for Psychical Research, told the "Daily Mail" recently about the secret message which Sir Oliver Lodge, the great scientist and spiritualist, deposited with the society eight years ago.

"Now that Sir Oliver is dead," he said, "there is no living person who has read the message. The test would lose its value if the message ceased to be absolutely secret."

Since Sir Oliver died, at the age of 89, spiritualistic mediums in this country and the United States have been waiting in the hope that the scientist will send a message from "the other side."

They hope that he will tell some one what was in the message he left so that it can be opened and the genuineness of his message be proved.

The message Sir Oliver wrote—"It is only a little thing," he said at the time, "but after my death it will prove that I still live"—has remained locked away in the offices of the Society for Psychical Research since 1932, when he deposited it there inside a series of different-sized sealed envelopes.

"Never Seen It"

"Nobody has ever taken out the bundle of envelopes to look at," said Mr. Salter. "I myself have never seen the bundle, and Sir Oliver never once mentioned the subject in his conversations with me."

"Many people have deposited messages with us which they hope to repeat from 'the other side.'"

"Naturally they are all locked away at once and never brought out again until somebody claims to have received a repetition of them. Sir Oliver's message will remain locked away until the time comes for it to be opened by the council. That step will not be taken until we hear from someone in whom complete trust can be placed. It is possible, of course, that a member of Sir Oliver's own family may be told what the message is."

COIN CALL SWAMPS MINT

Canada's mint is working 24 hours a day these days turning out more than 5,000,000 coins a week in an effort to meet the greatest demand for coins in the country's history.

Ordinarily the mint produces about 30,000,000 copper and silver pieces in a year or between 500,000 and 600,000 a week.

There is always some measure of seasonal step-up in the fall to all requirements, but never before has the present peak been reached. Officials said they attributed the demand for silver and copper money partly to new taxes, such as a copper or two or magazines, and increased business operation due to the war.

ANCIENT TOWN ON MAP AGAIN

Clare, Suffolk, has come into its own again. Its 1,200 villagers are excited.

Centuries ago Clare was on the map. It was a thriving industrial town, famous for its cloth, and the Normans honoured it with the name of Burgess.

But Clare dwindled in importance. It lost its industries, it lost its fame, it even lost its market—and a Suffolk town without a market is, well, just a village.

But to-day heads are being held high at Clare. All because many years ago, sturdy village men set out for the United States, settled in Iowa and founded Clare, U.S.A.

Now one of the American destroyers which will guard the sea for Britain is bearing the name H.M.S. Clare—and the old-world Suffolk hamlet is the smallest place to have given its name to one of the fifty destroyers.

Throughout the black-out darkness village folk hurry to special meetings to settle the plan of campaign. For Clare, Suffolk, mother town of Clare, Iowa, is going to do this thing in a big way.

Knitting parties will be formed to knit comforts for the men of H.M.S. Clare. Already a collection has been taken to buy cigarettes for them.

The schoolchildren want to give up some of their pocket money for the cause.

Firm Flesh Turns To Fat

When Food Tract is Constipated.

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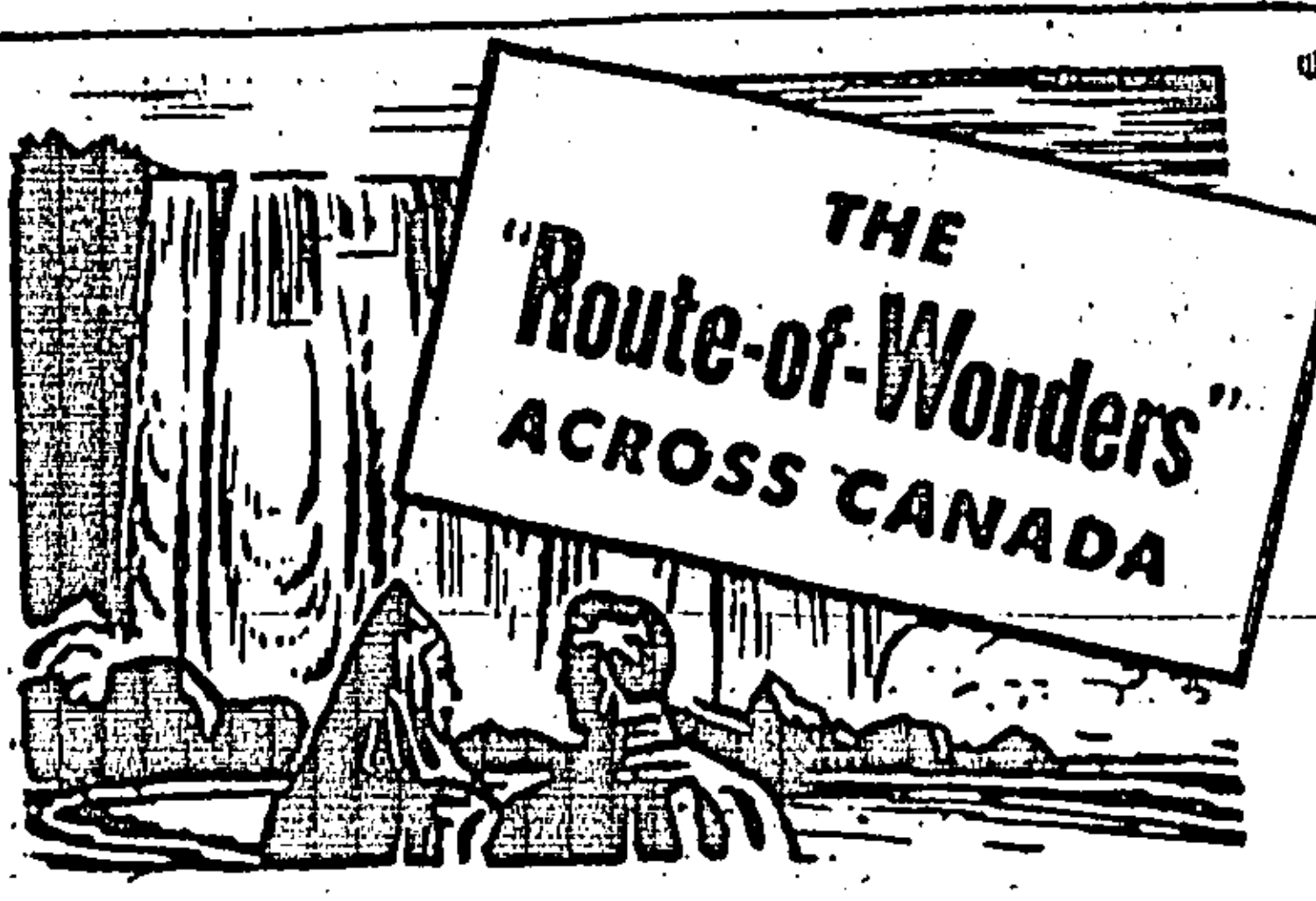
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Waltzes—
Volga (Composer Unknown).
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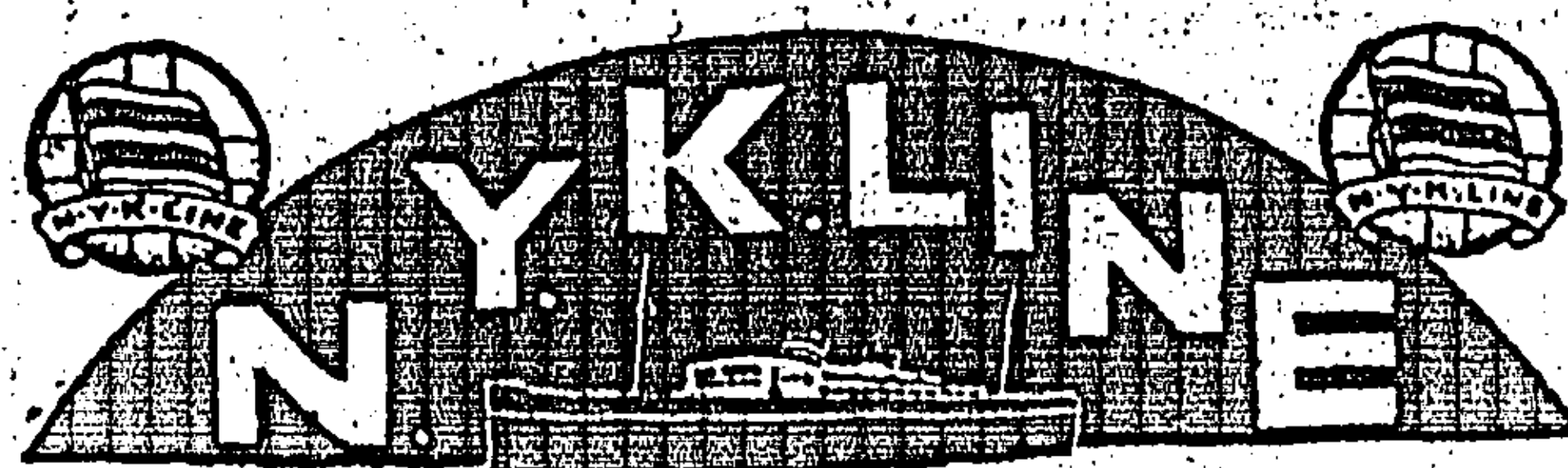
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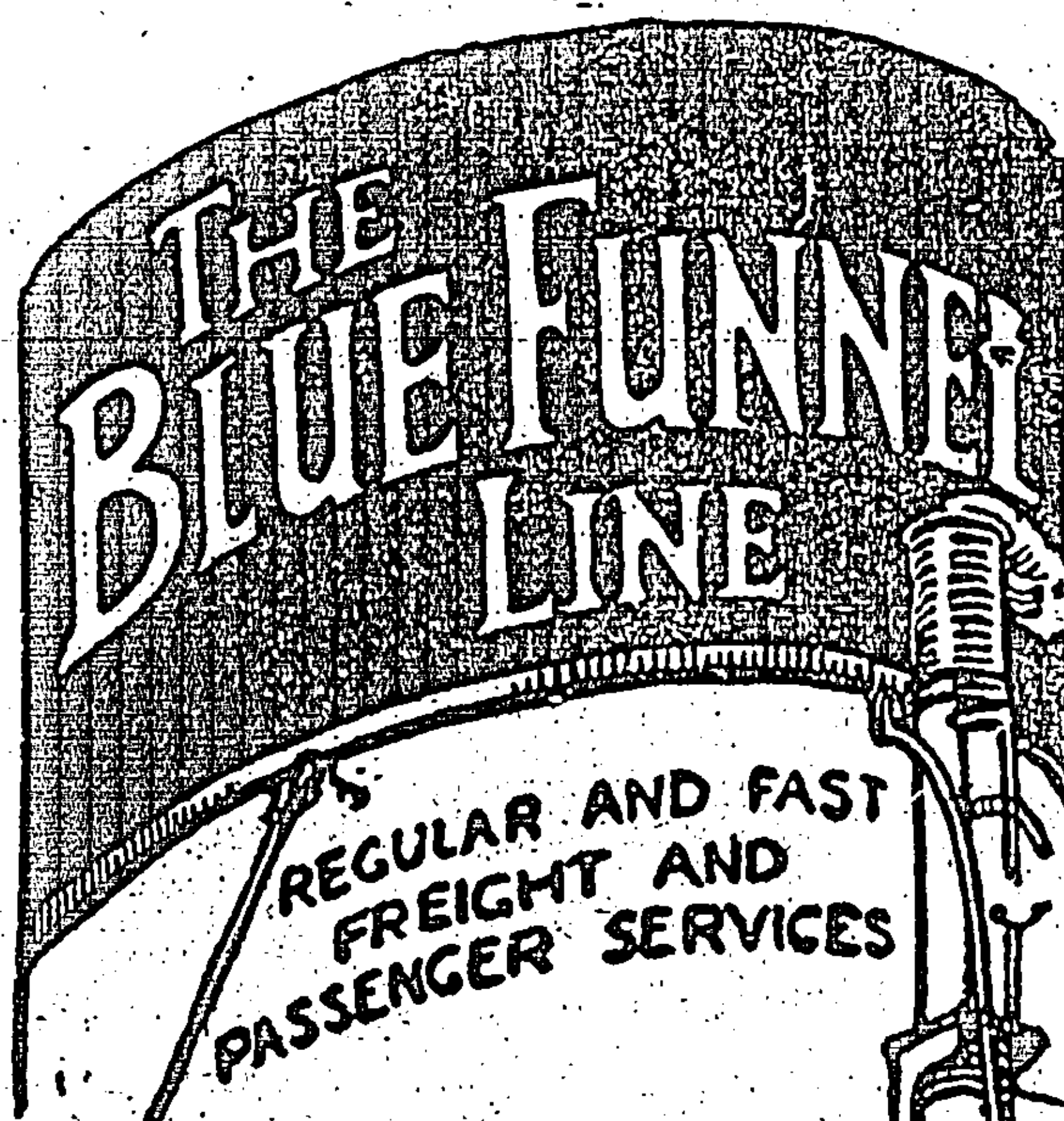
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LAWN BOWLS NOTES

"CHINA MAIL" CUP TOURNEY REACHES THE FINAL STAGE

Six Matches Played On Sunday Morning

Anti-Aircraft Gunners Give Little Away

By "Skip"

THE FINE WEATHER WHICH FAVOURED THE ASSOCIATION'S CLOSING DAY HELD UP FOR SUNDAY AND IT WAS POSSIBLE TO PLAY OFF THE SIX MATCHES SCHEDULED IN THE "CHINA MAIL" CUP COMPETITION.

The quarter-finals, which took place in the morning, resulted as expected but there was a major upset in the semi-finals when 5th A.A. Battery eliminated the favourites, No. 6 Company's "A" team.

The latter had scored an expected win against Field Ambulance "B" in the morning, the margin of shots being exactly a dozen. They ran into a lead early on and always seemed able to win although the Medical men nearly caught up at one stage. All of the No. 6 men were steady whilst Roza, pitted against no less redoubtable a player than Joe Luz, was the most reliable of the losing team.

Field Engineers "C" from Kowloon Dock scored a six—a very good six I may add as Morrison forced the jack through to make the big count possible—at the very first head against Field Engineers "B" and went on to lead by 14/2 but then the Sappers got going and, finishing strongly, they lost by only eight shots.

Ack-Acks Have A Struggle

5th A.A. Battery did not have an easy time against Field Engineers "A" although they eventually won by six shots.

The winners scored a five early on and this just about made the difference, especially as they followed it up with a three, to secure a winning lead.

The five was an excellent one, Chalmers' three front men all drawing beautifully to the jack to pack the head so well, that Stephens' wood, only eighteen inches away, did not save.

Sykes played his only bad head here and with Capt. Jack Bottomley also failing the rear men had a difficult task.

Melrose was deadly in the early stages though he only just had the better of the Sappers' lead but the latter secured the honours towards the finish to even matters up.

Main was steadiness personified but his opponent was weak whilst Spud Spary, though good, was not quite equal to Jimmy Chalmers—and that is where the difference lay.

Although the score 28/8 was a true indication of the game between First Battery "A" and A.S.C. Coy. "A", the Gunners ac-

tually led by 7/5 after eight heads, some of them so bad that they were wittily called "Sunday morning heads."

Then the opposition began to deliver the goods in bulk, to use one of their familiar phrases, and the losers added only one more shot. Peter Morrison was very promising early on, though not so consistent after the half way stage, but Jack Carr could not get the length at all.

Bickford put in some good ones but the O.C. played a Captain's game and saved frequently. He really had little chance once the winners' got the lead. Cullen, for the latter, was erratic in his length but the men following were too steady for the opposition.

The Semi-finals, as I expected, attracted a goodly crowd of fans who were provided with a couple of interesting games.

That between No. 6 "A" and 5th A.A. Battery was the better from a bowling point of view, although the other game produced some thrilling moments, notably when first Kern then Morrison, killed the head in desperate and successful efforts to save the situation.

No. 6 Company were up against a Gibraltar-like team and had to fight for every shot. Jimmy Chalmers being especially deadly with his drawing shots.

On one occasion the Portuguese were counting no less than seven but he drew not only a saver, which would satisfy most skips, but the very first shot!

Keown, as his third man, had one good wood every head but usually one not so good, whilst Main, who was opposed to the strongest of the opposition in Dick Alves, gave little away.

Melrose Shines

Melrose was very good and held Joe Luz in check with something to spare, for the latter was not as good as he had been in the morning. Consequently, Dick Alves had plenty of saving to do and he achieved his task very well.

Johnny Ribeiro was not as consistent as usual, whilst Chico's best shots were of the pound-on variety in which he never failed once.

As the Portuguese required three to tie at the last head and were lying a brace when their skip went down to bowl, it can well be imagined that the atmosphere was electrified. Chico just failed to draw with his first after Chalmers had, I think, put one a yard past the jack for safety.

Chalmers could not save with his next one and after examining the head—I might almost say cross-examining, judging by the time, it took to weigh up the possibilities—Chico decided to draw. Or at least I think he did, for he had three chances—a dead draw to tie, face their nearest at the back for a win or if narrow to bump one up.

I wonder if he fell between three stools—for he was just a trifle heavy. But then skips must be up you know and one did not envy him the task!

Meyer's Spectacular Shot

Alec Calman, who was playing under a great mental hazard on account of the news of the "— or —" very sportingly turned out again in the afternoon but was obviously not at his best and Cullen had rather the better of him though not by much.

Willie Hyde again proved the sheet anchor of the A.S.C. Company team and apart from two or

"CHINA MAIL" CUP FINAL

The final of the "China Mail" Volunteer Lawn Bowls Cup Competition, between 5th A.A. Battery and A.S.C. Coy. "A", will be played at Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Sunday, commencing at 3 p.m. The cup and souvenirs will be presented to the successful unit by Col. H. B. Rose, Commandant of the H.K.V.D.C., after the match.

THATSHIELD MESS

By Skip

Never has an Aitkenhead Shield match lasted so long, or created as much interest as the last one, for it began at 2.45 on Saturday afternoon and to all intents and purposes is still going on as I write—for no one yet knows officially who won—whilst the ultimate results and the events leading up to it have been the main topic of conversation in the clubs since

AITKENHEAD SHIELD

THOROUGHLY ENJOYABLE SATURDAY AFTERNOON

By Skip

I HAVE DISCUSSED as forcibly as I dare in another column the mix-up over the Aitkenhead Shield scores but coming to a head as it did on Sunday, it did not prevent the players and all concerned from enjoying a thoroughly successful day on Saturday, in which the dourness of League games was to a large extent absent.

I think it will be agreed that the Hong Kong players were not expected to put up such strong opposition as they did, whilst for the benefit of those who have had their laugh at my expense and castigated my efforts at forecasting, I may say that the team which represented the Island was materially different—and generally much stronger than that originally announced.

This does not apply quite literally to Jack Deakin's rink against Frank Goodwin in the battle of the Captains, for, as Willie Dall was unable to turn out, Khan went from lead to third man, where he did quite well, I believe, and Hodges of Stanley came "off the bank" to fill in the vacant place.

The mainland skip, for whom Joe Fraser was in good form, won chiefly by reason of a nap hand towards the finish.

On the next rink Jimmy "Hope" Kew was meantime providing one of the sensations of the afternoon by beating Charlie Rossette heavily—the latter being 16 down at the 19th, when the skips exchanged counts of five, Rossette getting his at a vital stage in the whole match. At the last end, Kew's Kowloon Tong four were all bowling splendidly and, with practically no support from his front men, Rossette was continually forced to be heavy.

Wrong Again

My third forecast was wrong insofar as I said Holland would win, but as there were only four shots in it, I can claim to be partially right as I indicated a close result.

The two leads Yusuf and Deacon had an epic struggle with honours high and even, but

three heads he was always somewhere handy.

At one head in particular both Cullen and he failed and the Engineers piled up five or six, all in a line up and down the green, but Joe Meyer saved with a really spectacular shot—which he said was heavy as it left his hand—taking the jack through only a couple of inches for a certain counter.

The same player had a further opportunity to shine a little later when he broke up a big count and was fortunate to take the jack to his first wood at the back of the rink.

But Bob Morrison was always a thorn in the side of the enemy. At one head—to mention just one—he saved a beautiful five which Kern admittedly should have protected.

Waterton, who was about the best of the home rink, was beating Doctor Lam, which gave Dick Basa some well-taken chances to shine, though once again Omar was the outstanding player on the rink.

Percy Younghusband skipped a Kowloon Football Club rink against Biffie Jillett's four from Stanley—so much easier than Prison Officers' Club—and secured the better end of a very exciting game.

Tich Freeman and Arthur Dand seemed to be playing a steady game as leads, with neither having much advantage at the finish.

As I was perhaps a little hard on Bill Casey in my notes on Saturday, when I said that he would not see the way Willie Walker was going, I feel I must make adequate amends by saying that the boot was almost on the other foot. Walker would have had to be at his best to hold him on the day's showing but he was not and, with Joe Prentice getting the better of his opponent, Meyer and Hall were up against it most of the time.

Sammy Nolan played so well against the former and Ted Post drew so many really uncanny shots against Hall, that it seems remarkable that the Island four did not win by many more than five shots—they certainly deserved to do so.

Mr. Remarkable Game

Most remarkable game of the whole lot was that between Walter Cullen and Ernie Kern. The Kowloon team, after 10 heads, were leading by no less than 10-0, whilst with only two heads to go, they were up 35/3, but then Gill's four equalled their score and secured a singleton at the last end.

The rink was the last to finish and the Kowloon skip was that his side was five up in any case I do not think he would have removed the shot after the match appeared to be a dooler.

Cullen was being beaten by Overtop of the time whilst Biffie Jillett was obviously out of practice. Ted Ramsey was able to add several shots, though Willie Walker's turn of the side.

Jo Jillett, playing three in place of who skipped for Duncan, was trying to save, as was "P" but their was a hopeless situation though I thought they might have backed it with more success.

There was never much difference in the scores in the McKelvie's duel, though the Island secured a six at the third head and eventually got home by an important three which he

Owing to pressure on space

Army Sportflight has been held over until to-morrow.

Saturday evening.

While in theory the Association officials must be considered to be the guilty parties, I cannot help sympathising with them very strongly—although I reserve the right to criticise the fact that no less than four persons were endeavouring to summarise the totals of only a dozen boards—a task in which it will be admitted they failed early in the game, when the scores of the first five heads were added to those of the first ten, and the sum total, recorded on the board, as being the tenth head scores.

Mistake Spotted

The mistake was soon observed and rectified I must add, but this has nothing to do with the contretemps—a polite way of putting what others have described differently—which has arisen over the final scores. This I say right away. I blame chiefly on those skips who, in two cases, relied on their Number Twos, who by I.B.B. rules must keep the scores AND ANNOUNCE THE SCORE AT THE END OF EACH HEAD.

I blame the skips only insofar as they did not check the boards and cards to see if they were the same before signing and although it is no excuse for them I may add that in very few cases is this done.

And just see what this omission has led to this time—a lot of trouble to all concerned—and a general confusion as regards the result which I presume will have to be discussed by the full Committee of the Association. This bad marking of cards is not new—it has been going on for years—and during the first weeks of the present season I referred to it no less than three times—ending up one sentence with "what a farce this signing by skips has become."

I reiterate it with emphasis and can only hope that last Saturday's affair will lead to some improvement in the matter, or action by the Association.

A Solution

As regards the settlement of the matter, I suggest that the match be officially recorded as a win for Kowloon and that all Hong Kong players return the spoons—within a week so as to clear up the matter quickly—to their opposite number or to the Association. No sportsman would wish to retain a trophy, however small, to which he is not entitled!

got at the last head—the score which has caused all the bobbery!

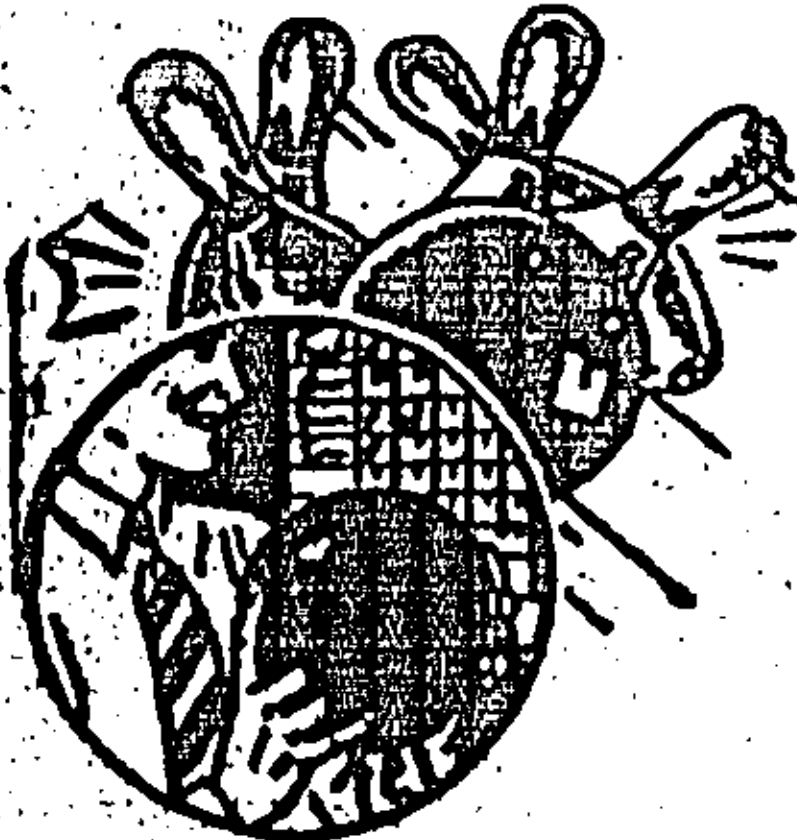
Footballers' Fine Game

On Rink No. 8, I thought that Jackie Noronha would beat Brooksbank by more than four—another last head win—but I am told that the Footballers put up an excellent game especially Wallington as lead and Lionel Lammer, the former being little behind Joe Luz in drawing to the kitty.

I understand that Jack Fender was in really deadly form and put down hardly one wood which did not improve the situation for his side, the chief benefits coming after the interval.

Rakusen ran into a lead of nine shots to nil against Spuggy Silva, whose rink looked pretty useful, and he never looked back afterwards, the dozen-shot margin being a fair indication of the side's—and his own—playing, for he was in excellent fettle, drawing and putting a pound on with equal facility.

Then at the end of the green came two more upsets and in both cases I feel they were due to changes in the visiting team, for Alf Coates took the place of Bill Way against Simpson's four and won very handsomely, whilst "Abe" Abbas replaced Adal with an unfavourable result to Carlos Silva's rink, in which I hear "Blinnie" Remedios was quite useful as lead against Jeff Hoosen.



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RACING

BURFORD EXPECTED TO WIN THE HONG KONG ST. LEGER

Mr. H.C. Pih In Shanghai: Mr. Needa Back

Eve Of Peace And Happy Landings For The "Double"

By "Rapiet"

THE ELEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING AT HAPPY VALLEY TO-MORROW BRINGS RACING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NEAR THE END OF THE 1940 SEASON.

There is no denying the fact that it has so far been an exceptionally successful season, and to-morrow, given the prevailing glorious weather conditions, I expect a large crowd to attend.

An attractive programme of eight events has been arranged, most interesting of which is the Hong Kong St. Leger. This is the third race on the programme, and will be contested over 1-3/4 miles by China ponies, griffins of this season, and victory is certain to go to the pony with the greatest stamina.

Championship honours among the jockeys has now reached an interesting stage, and, with only two more meetings to go, competition should be keen. Mr. V. V. Needa has returned from the North, but Mr. H. C. Pih will not be in action as he left for the Northern port some time last week.

Race No. 1. TAIPO STAKES: ONE MILE

First event on the programme will be contested by novice jockeys on "E" Class China ponies, weight 147 lb., with 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes since January 1, 1940. Ascot Vale (Mr. Sequeira), for coming in fourth in the Junk Bay Handicap (Second Section) for "D" Class ponies, was recently demoted and, as it will be carrying only 5 lb. more than in the above race, I don't think the extra weight will prejudice its chances of winning this race, notwithstanding the fact that it ran unplaced at Macao last Sunday.

Geordie (Mr. Wood) was third in the Republican Handicap (First Section) at Macao on Sunday when ridden by Mr. K. I. Ip and it should give Ascot Vale a good fight for first place. Lancashire Chap (Mr. S. W. Lee) is also to be considered as this pony has been knocking at the door of suc-

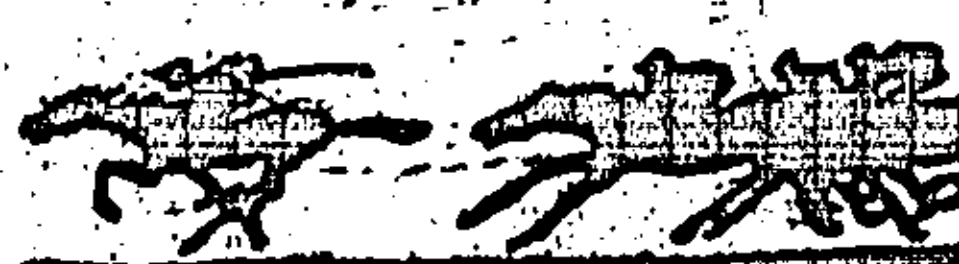
cess for a long time, and I think its chances are fairly bright, while National Liberty (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai) is another pony to be watched as it is quite capable of causing an upset. Mr. Chiu Kifan has the choice of either Desert Star or Radium Star, the winner of the Republican Handicap (First Section) at Macao last Sunday; he will probably take out the former as it is the better of the two over this distance and should do well. Heddon ran very well to come in second to Radium Star at Macao, when it lost by a neck and, as it will again be taken out by Mr. Lo Kwok-to, it should not be disregarded.

I nominate Ascot Vale to take first place, with Geordie second and Desert Star third.

Race No. 2. NEWCASTLE HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

This race is confined to "C" Class Australian ponies. By virtue of its win in the Canberra Plate over the mile at the Eighth Extra-meeting, Venus Bay (Mr. Needa) has been penalised by 20 lb., but in view of the shorter distance, coupled with Mr. Needa's experience, I am inclined to believe that it will still be able to win despite the extra weight.

Main challenge will probably come from Cheerful Star, the



winner of the Ballarat Handicap at the Ninth Extra meeting. Its weight is up by 13 lb.

There is also Centre Court (Mr. Sung) to be reckoned with as this pony, in view of its recent placing behind Piccadilly Jim in the Queensland Handicap over two miles at the last meeting, is quite capable of winning.

Catterick Bridge (Mr. Hearne) has been promoted since its last outing when it won the Queens-cliff Handicap over this distance and, as it will be running with 13 lb. less, it should be prominent at the finish, while Bredon, if again ridden by Mr. Chattey, will have 5 lb. allowance and, with only 140 lb. to handle, should do well if given a good start.

For a long shot, I suggest keeping A Green Time (Mr. Wei) in mind as this pony is fast over this distance.

Race No. 3. HONG KONG ST. LEGER: 1 1/4 MILES

This is the main event of the afternoon and I expect the following ponies to fight out the issue: Burford (Mr. Black), O-Lan (Mr. Needa), Craigavad (Mr. Wei).

Burford, the champion pony, has not raced since its dead-heat win with Confusion Bay in the Easter Stakes and, as it has fully recovered from its ailment, I think it should have little difficulty in winning this race. There is, of course, O-Lan to be reckoned with as this pony ran very well to come in second to Eve of Harvest in the October Handicap (1 1/4 miles). Craigavad may do better over the longer distance with a change of jockey.

I nominate Burford to win, however, with O-Lan second and Craigavad third.

Race No. 4. NEW BRIDGE HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): FROM THE 1-1/2 MILE POST

This is a sprint event for "B" Class Australian ponies. A good start here will make all the difference between winning and losing, and I would suggest that a careful note be taken of the draw for position. Devonian (Mr. Treverton), Melody Star (Mr. Craven), Rowan (Mr. Hearne), and Tornado Star (Mr. S. W. Tang) have all been given 160 lb. to handle and I think we can safely leave them out.

I expect the winner to come from the following:—

Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx), Flying Dutchman (Mr. Needa), Pumpnickel.

Springhurst (Mr. Poy), Fair Chance, which was second to Income Tax in the Nullah Nullah Handicap (First Section) over the mile, is quite capable of winning here as it has shown improvement in its last two outings and will have the champion short distance jockey on top, but Flying Dutchman, which ran un-

placed in the above race, when ridden by Mr. P. P. Botelho, with only 142 lb. to carry should win to-morrow with Mr. Needa up.

Pumpnickel dead-headed with Brown Derby for first place in the second section of the Nullah Nullah Handicap and, if taken out by Mr. Tao, should give Flying Dutchman a good fight. Springhurst, should not be disregarded as the distance suits it very well and an upset is not impossible.

I nominate Flying Dutchman to win, with Fair Chance second and Pumpnickel third.

Race No. 5. CASTLE PEAK HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double", and will be decided by "D" Class China ponies.

Sunlight View (Mr. P. P. Botelho) has been allotted top-weight of 163 lb. and so can be disregarded. Eve of Peace (Mr. Davis), for its second placing behind its stable companion Eve of Dancing with Mr. Barrow up, has been penalised by 6 lb. but in view of that performance, I don't think the extra weight will ruin its chances of winning.

There is also This Time (Mr. Wei), which is carrying 143 lb. to-morrow, to be reckoned with, as it won the Jordan Handicap (Second Section) from the 1 1/2 miles post when carrying top-weight of 168 lb.

West Lake (Mr. Chao) for its win in the Jordan Handicap (First Section) has gone up 6 lb. in weight and, although I don't think much of its chances of winning, it should place.

Portrush (Mr. H. S. Chang) will probably try its running away tactics again and might cause an upset, while Sylvandale (Mr. Tao) should not be disregarded.

I fancy Eve of Peace for first place, with This Time second and West Lake third.

Race No. 6. NEW SOUTH WALES HANDICAP: FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

This race is confined to "A" Class Australian ponies, and, judging from its last outing, when it came second to Sapper in the Fremantle St. Leger, Amicus Curiae should command strong support to the betting.

Good as this pony is, however, I don't think it will win over this distance.

Australian Diamond (Mr. Wei), although it ran unplaced in the above race, is my choice for this race, as the distance is more suitable to it, but Baffin Bay (Mr. Needa), which was fourth in the Diamond Bay Handicap over the mile carrying 160 lb., is the danger and may cause an upset.

Viceroy will be taken out by Mr. Black to-morrow, and as it was third to Amicus Curiae with Mr. P. P. Botelho up in the above race, it should be very near at the finish.

Vanity Fair (Mr. Ip Kul Ying), which won and then lost the Moore Park Handicap over six furlongs by disqualification for bumping and boring, should do well if it can produce the same form.

Australian Diamond, however, should win with Baffin Bay second and Amicus Curiae third.

Race No. 7. NEW BRIDGE HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): FROM THE 1-1/2 MILE POST

Those who succeed in making the right choice in the first leg of the "Daily Double" will probably find it difficult to make the right connection in this sprint, which is confined to second section of "B" Class Australian ponies. The race should be fought out between the following ponies:—

A Great Time (Mr. Wei), Cocklerol (Mr. Ip Kul Ying), Derby Day (Mr. Hearne), Franklin (Mr. Chao), Happy Landings (Mr. Davis).

TROPP'S FORM FINE

The magnificent bowling of Spr. Tropp was the feature of a friendly cricket match played at Soekunpoo yesterday between Forsters, Royal Engineers and Royal Army Pay Corps. Thanks chiefly to Tropp's efforts—he also top-scored for his side—the Sapper team were able to win by six wickets.

Tropp conceded 16 runs in his first four overs, whilst taking only one wicket, but he then took three wickets for no runs in his fifth over and took his remaining five wickets in the course of three overs for 11 runs. In the face of this bowling Ingleby and Blount did very well with the bat to score 39 runs between them of their side's total of 88.

Saddler bowled well for R.A.P.C., taking 5 for 25.

	R.A.P.C.		
Ingleby, b Tropp	19		
Jones, b Tropp	5		
Blount, not out	20		
Saddler, b Tropp	0		
Shorthouse, b Tropp	0		
Dixon, b Tropp	1		
Hemming, b Shipp	2		
Pendergast, b Tropp	5		
Carden, c Kehoe, b Tropp	5		
Plunkney, b Tropp	0		
Smart, b Tropp	0		
Extras (B11)	11		
Total	68		

Bowling Analysis	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tropp	8	1	27	9
Holliday	3	0	12	0
Shipp	3	0	14	1
Bailey	1	0	4	0

R.E.	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lieut. Holliday, l.b.w.	0	0	0	0
Spr. Tropp, c b Saddler	25			
Spr. Bailey, b Dixon	4			
Sgt. Shipp, b Dixon	8			
Spr. Goss, l.b.w., b Dixon	15			
S/Sgt. Kehoe, l.b.w., b Saddler	22			
Sgt. Denyer, not out	0			
Cpl. Hawkins, b Saddler	0			
C.S.M. Gabs, b Saddler	0			
Spr. Noldes, b Saddler	0			
Extras (B4, LB2)	6			

Total (for 9 wickets.)	9
One player absent.	
Bowling Analysis	

Bowling Analysis	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dixon	7	0	56	4
Saddler	6.3	0	25	5
Blount	1	0	5	0

Sea Jay (Mr. Proulx).

On past performances, Happy Landings, which won the Charters Towers Handicap, should win here if it can produce its old form, but if it fails, Derby Day, which was third in the above race may do the trick. Cocklerol looks dangerous at 140 lb. and, although it has done nothing of note, is very fit at the moment and should be worth watching. Franklin, since its win in the Koala Handicap when carrying 165 lb., has not had another win to its credit, but it may do so to-morrow in view of the short distance. The same remarks apply to A Great Time. Sea Jay may have a ray in this race if it can get off to a flying start, otherwise I cannot see it winning.

Race No. 8. CASTLE PEAK HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This is the final event of the day and second section of "D" Class China ponies will participate. Double Chance (Mr. Chao) is given top-weight of 168 lb. which I consider is sufficient to prevent it winning, while Piet Hein (Mr. P. P. Botelho), which won the Hunan Handicap (Second Section) with Mr. Wei up, has been penalised by 7 lb. also has little chance. On the other hand, Bressay (Mr. Hearne), which lost to Piet Hein in the above race, should have a chance of beating the latter pony to-morrow.

Palmer (Mr. Wei), although fast over sprint-races, will probably find the distance a bit too great, but Gold Coin, which was third to Bressay, will again be taken out by Mr. Liang and over this distance will probably do better.

Valorous (Mr. Needa) should not be disregarded, although old, and is quite likely to cause an upset.

Salvage Master (Mr. Tao) is another pony to watch as it has regained some of its old form, while Jack O'Lantern, which won the Kuo Hua Handicap at Macao last Sunday with Mr. Black on top, if again taken out by the same jockey, should not be disregarded.



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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

THE fourth and last match in the first round of the Ewo Indoor Bowling Competition was played off on November 7.

The match was between the "Hyjackers" and the "Termites", and resulted as expected in a very decided win for the "Hyjackers" by no less than 469 pins. The individual scores were as follows:—

"Hyjackers"	"Termites"
Ernie Hearther 521	D. Parsons 390
Doc Molthen 501	E. A. Gaubert 376
C. Williams 411	G. J. P. Carey 353
H. Waller 403	E. H. Brazel 247

1836

1367

The "Termites" did not bowl anything like their usual, but this can be accounted for from the fact that this team, as a team, had never played in a match game before, and it was truly very sporting of them to enter the competition. What they lacked in brilliancy of bowling they made up with good natured banter.

Ernie Hearther, for the "Hyjackers", was top scorer for the match with 521, and as the rules of the competition call for only three games to be played in the preliminary rounds, his average worked out at almost 174 pins per game; he was very consistent, as he always is, and he made 173, 172, 176.

Waller and Williams, for the "Hyjackers", did not do very well at all, probably due to the fact that both players were comparatively new to the Alleys, and no doubt felt a little strange.

Parsons for the "Termites" was top scorer for his team with a fair 390 or 130 pins per game but I have seen him do much better than this.

Elmy Again

Private Elmy of Royal Scots was again in the limelight on Sunday, when he bagged a good 224 to beat his 211 made on November 4. His effort on Sunday was as follows:—a strike on his first and second frames, a spare on his third and fourth frames, a nine on his fifth frame, a strike on his sixth frame, a spare on his seventh frame, then three strikes in a row on his eighth, ninth and 10th frames, to make two more strikes with the two extra balls, his total score being 224. This effort made him top scorer for the month, but he did not long remain in this coveted position, for Cpl. Blount of Royal Signals netted a brilliant 233 on Armistice Day, his score-sheet showing that he started off with five strikes in a row, on his first, second, third, fourth and fifth frames, then he had a bad split on his sixth frame, to make an 8 with his first ball, and 9 with his second ball. He then made a spare in his seventh and eighth frames, a strike on his ninth and 10th frames, a nine with his first extra ball and a spare with the second one, to make a total of 233.

Ewo Competition

The first of the semi-finals in the Ewo Indoor Bowling Competition was played off on Tuesday. It was between the "Daredevils" and the "Hyjackers" and resulted in a win for the "Daredevils" by 247 pins.

Five games were played, as, according to the rules of the competition, five games had to be played in the Semi-Final and Final.

L. Gaddi for the "Daredevils" was unavoidably absent and the services of that old veteran bowler Chief Petty Officer F. Spenko were called upon, and as can be seen by his score he was a very useful acquisition for his team. The individual scores were as follows:—

"Daredevils"	"Hyjackers"
F. Spenko 905	Ernie Hearther 994
H. Blount 896	Doc Molthen 965
J. H. Watte 848	H. Waller 637
J. S. Landolt 823	C. Williams 629

3472

3225

The top score for the match was bagged by Hearther for the Hyjackers with a brilliant 994 pins, or an average of almost 199, another six pins would have made him 1,000 with an average of 200 pins per game; there was no doubt that Hearther bowled like one inspired for he registered three scores of over 200 out of his five games, a good 209 on his first game, a 210 on his third game and 213 on his fifth game.

Doc Molthen for the Hyjackers during his game, bagged the highest individual score for the match—he made a brilliant 245 on his fifth game—and also has the honour of being the highest scorer for the month in the Alleys. His score sheet shows that he started off

with a spare on his first, second, third frames, and then four strikes in succession on his fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh frames, a spare on his eighth frame, then two strikes on his ninth and 10th frames, and a strike and a 9 with the two extra balls.

There was no doubt about the consistently high standard of bowling of the Daredevils, who registered one of the highest scores for a four-players five-games match registered in these Alleys, that is 3472. On looking back through the records I find that this phenomenal score has only been registered twice before, — for in the Champs versus the Alleys Team played on March 5, 1940—the Champs put up 3580, and in the match Champs versus U.S.S. Gold Star on July 20, 1939, they scored 3491.

Spenko The Star

In the match played on Tuesday night, Chief Petty Officer Spenko, who substituted for L. Gaddi for the Daredevils, was the Star Bowler for his side. He netted a useful 905 and the feature of his bowling was his wonderfully consistent bowling, his lowest for the five games being 175 and his highest 189—his scores were 177, 189, 175, 183, and 181. This score helped very materially in the victory for his team.

Landolt for the Daredevils was also below his usual but his 823 or an average of 165 pins per game helped very materially in

Sappers Beat R.A.S.C. At Soccer

By "Sportshawk"

Displaying good short interpassing by all the forwards and safe clearances by the goalie, Royal Engineers decidedly deserved their victory in a Second Division League football match when they defeated R.A.S.C. by three clear goals at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon. The Sappers scored once before the interval.

Moxham, the former Colony Interporter, played a brilliant game when called upon, but this was very seldom, while Palmer worked very hard throughout in front of him, but Tang Chung-pak made the mistake of underestimating his opponents and came very near to losing goals for the Sappers. Tang, however, came into the picture in the second half

during which period he made but few errors.

The Sappers' pivot, Shaw (Capt.) was the mainstay of the half-back line. He checked his opposing centre-forward, Clarke, very well and gave him very little rope. In the second period when he was fully supported by his right-half, Birrell, Shaw forced the pace and kept the forwards constantly supplied with good passes.

Sappers' Forwards On Form

All the Engineer forwards were on form, though in some instances they appeared to overwork their interpassing. Their timely, unselfish and accurate short passes were, however, worth watching.

Mattison, the keeper for Signals, was very unlucky to have a pair of poor backs in front of him, for, as far as his part was concerned, he did his best. Though he was severely tested, he managed to save on numerous occasions.

Hammond and Smart, the two wing-halves, played a sound enough game and held their own positions quite well.

The Signals' forwards had scoring opportunities which they seldom missed. Morgan and Young were the pick of them. These two players apparently overfed Martin, the left-winger, and received insufficient support otherwise they might have at least scored once.

The Scorers

Fox, another former Colony Interporter, scored a quick goal for the Sappers about three minutes after the whistle from a pass from Pelham and the second goal was also netted within three minutes on the resumption by Pelham from a centre from Li Wai-nam, while the last goal was registered in the middle stage through Li Wai-nam from a pass from Fox.

Royal Engineers:—Moxham; Palmer and Tang Chung-pak; Birrell, Shaw and Taylor; Li Wai-nam, Chan Kum-poy, Fox, Pelham and Chung Sing.

R.A.S.C.:—Mattison; Bradshaw and Hamlen; Smart, Murray and Hammond; Glen, Morgan, Clarke, Young and Martin.

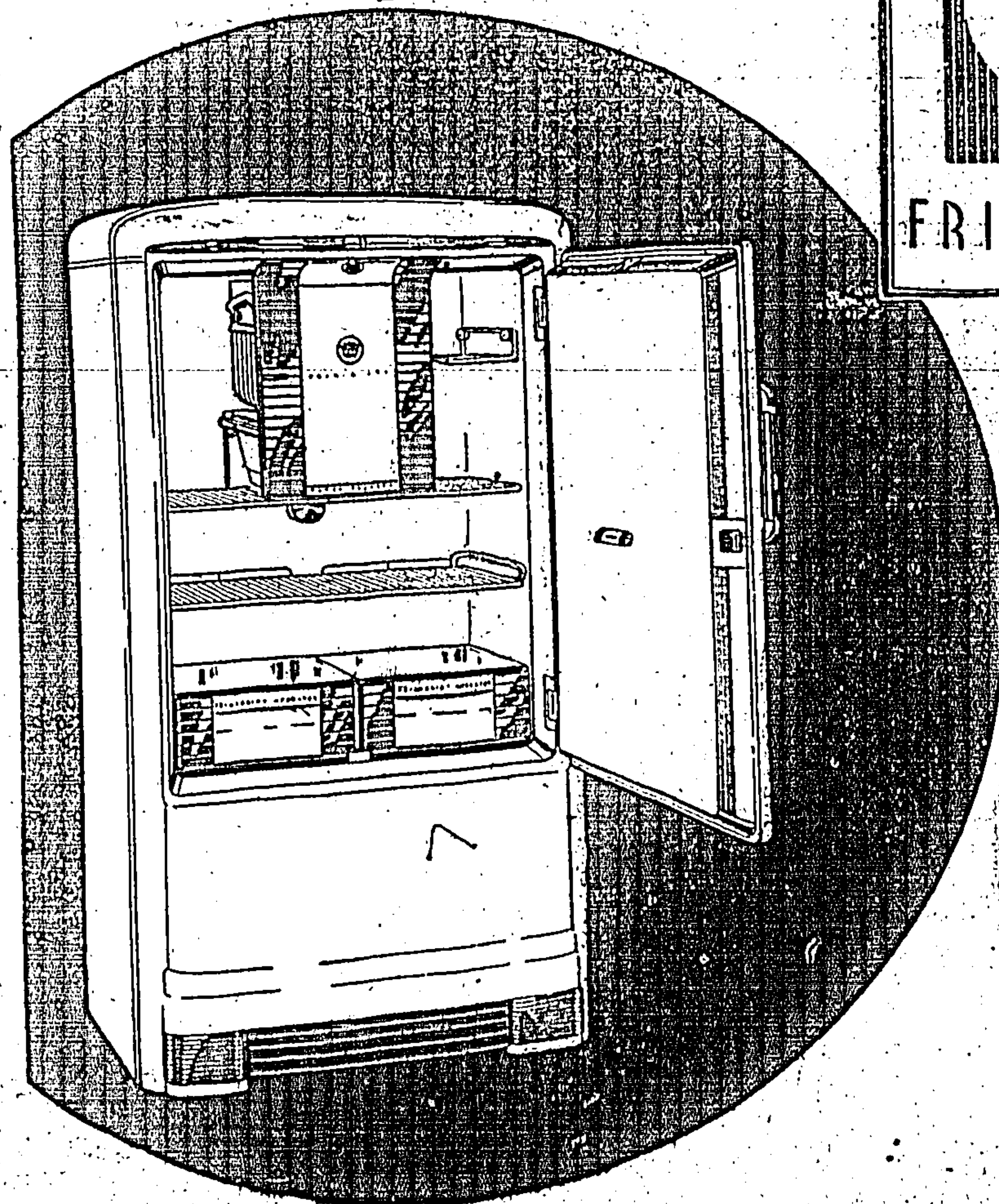
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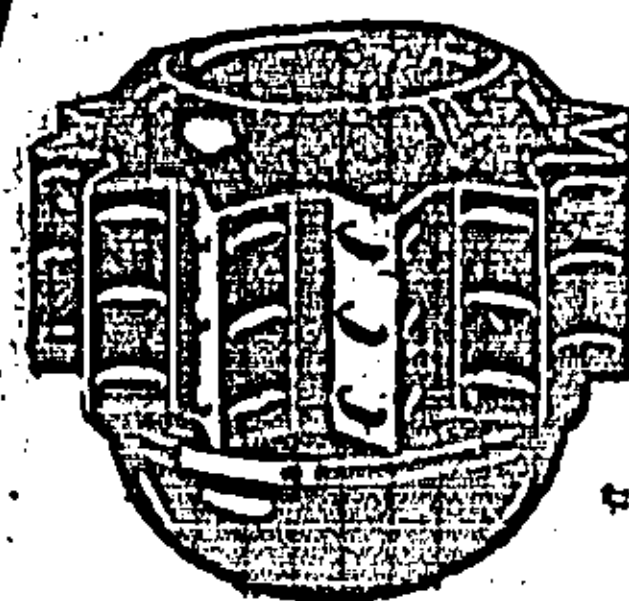
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Dramatic Story Of Officer's First Air Fight

APPEAL TO MOSLEMS: MOSQUE IN LONDON

An appeal to Moslems all over the world to subscribe generously towards the realisation of "this great and noble project" was broadcast last night by the Egyptian Ambassador in London on behalf of the proposed new Mosque and Islamic cultural centre.

It is estimated that the building will cost about £580,000.

The speaker said that despite the great size of London, a large number of Moslem residents there have nowhere where they can keep in touch with Islamic culture, the deficiency particularly being felt by students at British universities.

A Committee has been formed and the efforts are being strongly backed by Lord Halifax and Lord Lloyd with the result that the British Government has decided to present a site and the sanctioning of expenditure of £100,000 for this purpose.—*Reuter*.

SUMMER TIME IN WINTER

Britain is maintaining Summer Time throughout the winter.—*Reuter*.

Goes On Firing In Blazing Hurricane

THE FIRST VICTORIA CROSS WON BY A FIGHTER PILOT SINCE THE WAR BEGAN HAS BEEN WON BY A PILOT WHO REFUSED TO JUMP FROM A BLAZING HURRICANE PLANE UNTIL HE HAD DESTROYED HIS ENEMY.

Moreover, it was his first actual air fight and he had been twice wounded before he engaged his enemy.

He is Flight-Lieutenant D. J. Nicolson.

For 48 hours after the incident, doctors fought for his life, but now he has almost completely recovered.

Thrilling details of his fight given by the Air Ministry News Service show that after chasing a Junkers bomber, he had turned to rejoin his squadron when four shots hit him, one into his left eye. Another exploded his petrol tank setting his Hurricane on fire and a fourth wounded his heel.

As Flight Lieutenant Nicolson turned to avoid further shots, he found a Messerschmidt was right on his gun-sight. Both planes were diving at 400 m.p.h.

When Nicolson pressed the gun button, he could see his right thumb blistering in the heat and his left hand which was holding the throttle open was also blistering in the flames.

Terrific Heat

The heat of his burning plane was so great that he had to put his feet on the seat beneath his parachute. The fight continued under these conditions for several minutes until the Messerschmidt

disappeared in a steep dive and later, witnesses reported they had seen it crash into the sea.

Flight-Lieut. Nicolson, after knocking his head on the hood above him, managed to jump out head first. After several somersaults in the air, he pulled the parachute with considerable difficulty.

It took him twenty minutes to reach the ground.

Another Messerschmidt came screaming past, so Nicolson pretended he was dead.

As he was coming down, he thought he would hit a high-tension cable, but he managed to manoeuvre in the sky so as to miss it and finally landed in a field.—*Reuter*.

W.M. TUPPER ALLOWED TO SAIL

DETAINED BY THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY OF OPIUM ON BOARD, THE S.S. W.M. TUPPER WAS ALLOWED TO SAIL FROM HAIPHONG YESTERDAY MORNING.

It is learned that four members of the crew were arrested and taken off the ship.

The vessel was originally fined 25,000 piastres but this amount was later reduced to 18,000 piastres which was paid on Saturday.

The ship was, however, not released and no reason or explanation was given for its continued detention. Yesterday the Time Charterers received information that the ship had obtained permission to sail at 10 a.m.

POLAND'S POLICY

THE POLISH BRIGADE STANDS ALONGSIDE THE BRITISH IN THE MIDDLE EAST READY TO FIGHT ANY WHO DECLARES THAT POLAND HAS BEEN LIQUIDATED, DECLARED GENERAL SIKORSKI, AT A LUNCHEON AT GROSVENOR HOUSE GIVEN IN HONOUR OF POLAND YESTERDAY.

The peace which will conclude the war, he said, must not be a peace of vengeance, but an act of justice, excluding armed conflicts between nations for many generations.

We Poles are not only fighting to get back our country; we have wider aspirations of which we have already given definite proofs by the comprehensiveness of our understanding with Czechoslovakia, thus beginning a real federation of European powers.—*Reuter*.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Extensive landing exercises are being staged by the Japanese along the coast of Hainan Island, according to reliable messages received from Kwong Chow Wan last night.

Commenting on the factory explosions in the United States on Thursday, Henry Stimson, the U.S. Secretary for War, said yesterday that "they might have suggested Teutonic efficiency."

He added that beyond this suggestion there was no indication of sabotage.—*Reuter*.

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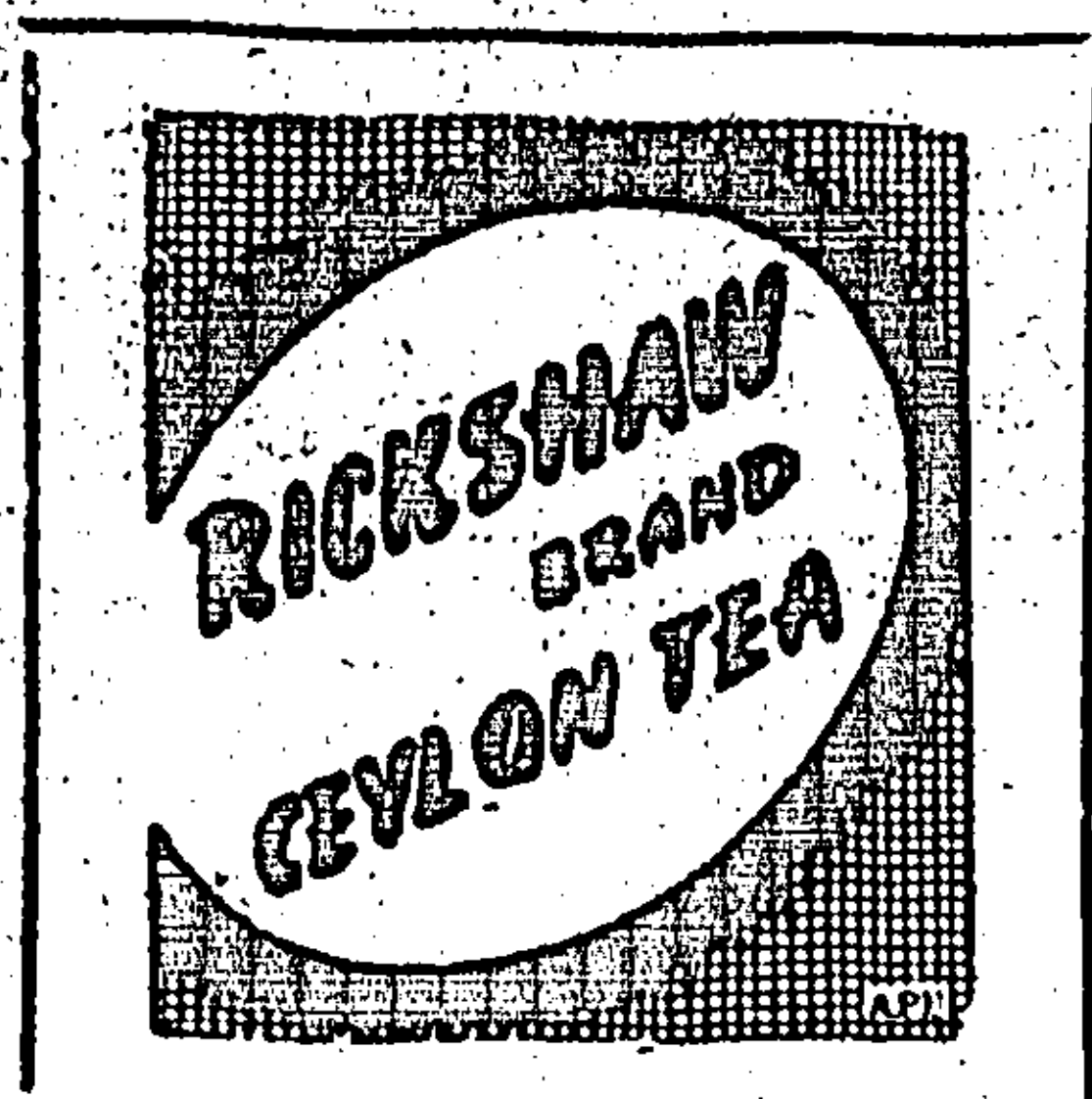
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SECRET OF CRIPPLING RAID ON ITALY'S NAVY

TARANTO GETS SECOND DOSE

Smarting under their previous disastrous experience of a British raid, ships' guns and port batteries at Taranto opened a terrific barrage when R.A.F. bombers arrived on Wednesday night.

The visitors, however, proceeded with their programme and spotting warships in the harbour in the clear moonlight night, they swooped down from the eastern part to the main docks in the inner harbour which were heavily bombed with high explosives and incendiaries.

SPITFIRE SQUADRON'S TRIUMPH

Twelve Spitfires of one squadron destroyed 13 of the 15 Junkers dive-bombers brought down yesterday, according to the Air Ministry News Service.

They were evidently attempting to attack Dover Harbour. —Reuter.

At one time seven big fires were blazing together. On returning, the pilots reported that naval oil tanks and destroyer pens were hit and that one stick of high explosives fell along a wall of the docks where destroyers were tied up. One of the raiders when on his way home, saw Taranto lighted up by an immense flash from an exceptionally great explosion. —Reuter.

JAPANESE PLAN TO ISOLATE HONG KONG

JAPANESE NAVAL CIRCLES IN SHANGHAI, INTERVIEWED BY REUTER, DO NOT DENY THE POSSIBILITY OF JAPAN ESTABLISHING HERSELF IN SOUTHERN IND-CHINA.

Some naval circles even declare that Japan will move in "very shortly."

Apparently, the main object of such a potential move is the use of Saigon and Camranh as advance bases from which to threaten Singapore, or at least British North Borneo, and endeavour to dominate the comparatively narrow stretch of sea between southern Indo-China and North Borneo.

According to one political naval authority, Japan's plans are:

1. To establish herself in Saigon and Camranh;
2. To dominate the sea to North Borneo; and finally
3. If there is any sign of hostilities with Britain, to seize North Borneo, using the fleet from southern Indo-China to cut off assistance from Singapore.

No Japanese naval circles appear at present to envisage an attempt to attack or blockade Singapore.

Japan's Aim

They declare that they would be satisfied if they could effectively

cut off Singapore from the East in this manner, thereby enabling them both to deal with Hong Kong and with British interests in China at their leisure and to ensure that no threat of blockade from Singapore is possible to Japan proper or to Japanese possessions. —Reuter.

Landing Exercises

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

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Concentrated Torpedo Attack From Massed Machines

By Ralph Walling, Reuter's Air Correspondent.

I AM ABLE TO GIVE THE FIRST AUTHORITATIVE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BRILLIANT ACTION AT TARANTO, FROM TALKS WITH THE BEST INFORMED NAVAL CIRCLES.

It is possible to say for instance that the raid produced a startlingly successful summation of 'planes which had been prepared for several weeks before.

From the information so far available, the aircraft-carriers "Eagle" and "Illustrious" (the latter mentioned for the first time as having been brought into commission) are believed to have stopped, under cover of darkness, almost in the mouth of the Gulf of Taranto.

Here torpedo-carrying aircraft were hauled up to the flight deck and made ready for a daring, unprecedented adventure.

The Italians had to be surprised and to gain the maximum possible effect the attack had to be delivered by many 'planes as could possibly concentrate on the target at one time.

This entailed take-off in rapid succession and probably formation flying in groups of at least half a dozen 'planes.

Afterwards the 'planes were required to enter formation again to find their floating base and land on the aircraft-carriers.

Greatest Skill

For all this to be accomplished in darkness, without giving away the presence of the aircraft-carriers required the greatest skill of well-trained pilots.

The character of the damage inflicted on the Italian battleships indicates that torpedoes chiefly were used, hitting the warships below water at their most thinly protected points as they released their torpedoes towards the darkened sides of battleships and cruisers, looming through the moonlight.

All but two of the attacking 'planes made a happy landing on the deck of their mother ships and their crews were delighted beyond measure at the success of the first major aerial torpedo attack of this war. —Reuter.

Italian Communique

The Italians admitted the attack in a communique yesterday and also mentioned raids on Bologna and Durazzo, Cagliari, and the island of Pantellaria, half-way between Malta and North Africa.

The Italians have not yet said anything about the attack on a convoy in the Straits of Otranto, in which one Italian supply ship was sunk, two set on fire, a fourth damaged, and the two escorting destroyers sent flying home, one of them damaged. —Reuter.

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RUMANIA BOWS AGAIN TO NAZIS

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- The measures include:—
1. The introduction of the Nuremberg anti-Jewish laws;
 2. Equal status for the German flag with the Rumanian flag as a symbol of the creed of the German.

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HITLER'S FAILURE INDICATED

Vaguely Worded Communique Viewed As Eloquent

Could Mean Anything Or Nothing

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

OPINION IN LONDON is that if Hitler had achieved the diplomatic success for which he, no doubt, hoped from the Molotov visit, such as the adherence of Russia to the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Alliance, he would have loudly proclaimed the fact to the world.

The communique issued by the Germans after the visit of the Soviet statesman was, however, extremely vague and could mean anything either side like to read into it or out of it. It seems unlikely, therefore, that Hitler dreams have yet come true.

The cautious wording used would suggest that, in his main object, dictated by the growing British power in the Eastern Mediterranean, Greek resistance and obstinacy from Vichy, Hitler has failed to achieve anything spectacular and that M. Molotov has returned home having conceded little to his inopportune neighbour in the political field.

There has no doubt been an attempt by the Germans to increase the industrial help which the Soviet Union might give Germany.

Hitler has reason to be dissatisfied with the help that Russia has been giving him in this direction.

Feeling The Pinch

Germany is feeling the pinch of the British blockade and the effects of the almost nightly bombing of industrial centres and oil plants. No doubt she would be very glad if she could arrange for her planes and munitions to be made somewhere away from the attentions of the R.A.F.

Whether Germany has succeeded in this object only time will show.

Doubtless the Germans would like to score a diplomatic victory to offset the re-election of President Roosevelt, the increasing aid to Britain of the United States and the poor performances of their Italian ally in Greece.

These reasons are now greatly reinforced by the crippling blow dealt to Italy's fleet by the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Navy.

Neutral Comment

According to Stockholm messages, publication of the results of M. Molotov's visit to Berlin will be withheld until a later date.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter" deduces from M. Molotov's satisfied air that it indicates that a general agreement has been reached, and also that the Russian attitude towards Britain has been fixed.

Russian circles in Berlin, says the correspondent, consider that it is now evident that Anglo-Russian collaboration is not likely, but they do not believe Russia is inclined to join the Three-Power Alliance in its present stage.

Outside Conflict

She will apparently continue to keep herself outside the conflict, though quite willing to see more "capitalistic" States involved.

The correspondent adds that it is believed in those circles that Germany's efforts are directed towards making Russia a source of supply, counter-balancing America's supplies of materials to Britain.—Reuter.

First Soviet Comment

"The most significant event of recent days" is the description of M. Molotov's visit to Berlin given in the newspaper "Red Star," in

Moscow yesterday.

This is the first Russian paper to comment on the visit.

The "Red Star" says: "German and Italian newspapers declare that the visit is of first-class importance. Doubtless, the renewal of personal contact and friendly exchange of opinions with the leaders of German policy, will promote, strengthen and develop German-Soviet relations in the interests of both countries."

No Immediate Results

The German Radio yesterday said that Ribbentrop has had conversations during the past few days with the Japanese and Turkish Ambassadors.

Unofficial Berlin circles say that there will be no immediate results from the Hitler/Molotov talks and hint at another meeting between Hitler and Mussolini.—Reuter.

BROADCAST DURING RAIDS

A letter praising British broadcasting during air raids, printed in the "New York Times" has provoked further correspondence on the subject. Writing from Charlottesville, Virginia, H. Van der Goes says:

"For some time past I have listened as often as possible to the nightly programmes of the B.B.C. Although I know the English well, I have not yet got over a certain feeling of amazement at the calm and good humour that pervade these broadcasts.

"I feel also that when I listen to their news items I am getting as true a picture of the war as from any other source. I am perfectly aware that certain events are suppressed for strategic reasons, but I am convinced that truth is the aim of these broadcasts and that no losses may be placed in them. Losses and damage are freely admitted, and there is no sign of the hysteria which unfortunately seems to attack some of the news reporters on the radio in this country."

MEN OF 36 TO REGISTER

Men of 36 will register for service on November 16. This announcement was made by the Ministry of Labour and National Service yesterday.

This class will include a great many men who are already doing work of national importance and will not be eligible to join the fighting services.—British Wireless.

LORRAINE EVENTS STIR VICHY

Expulsion of French-speaking inhabitants from Lorraine has been proceeding at the rate of seven trainloads daily.

According to a communique issued in Vichy yesterday, "The German authorities in Lorraine invited French-speaking inhabitants to choose between being transferred to Poland or being sent to France."

"Our compatriots have chosen France. Since November 11, their expulsion has been proceeding at the rate of five to seven trainloads daily."

"Unauthorised quarters have stated that this is an accordance with an agreement between the French and German governments."

"The French Government gives the most formal denial to this suggestion. No measure of this kind was ever discussed in the Franco-German talks."

"The French Government has drawn the German Armistice Commission's attention to these facts."—Reuter.

GEN. CATROUX'S STRONG APPEAL TO FRENCHMEN

A STRONG PLEA for French cooperation with Britain was made by General Catroux, former Governor-General of French Indo-China, who was a brilliant fighter in the Riff war and is now one of the leading Free French officers, in a broadcast from Cairo last night. "France is still able to continue the war, and if she were to continue she would win and achieve resurrection," he said.

He added that fighting is proceeding at the gates of Egypt from which Free France could not be absent.

"That is why I am here. That is why General De Gaulle would have been here this moment if he had not been called back to London."

Referring to the Franco-German peace negotiations, General Catroux said that the peace offered by Germany was a peace of opportunity leading to France as a German Ally against Britain.

It was suggested that the French Government should undertake the conquest of the Colonies which had joined Free France, so that by this devious route conflict should break out between France and Britain, that war should result, and that France should thus become the tool of the Axis Powers, and should hand over to them possessions and facilities they coveted in the Mediterranean.

General Catroux is in Egypt for a conference with the British authorities and the leaders of the Free French movement in that country.—Reuter.

FRENCH WOMEN'S CORPS

French women in Britain are to form a special corps to help the Free French cause.

It will be equivalent to the British Women's Auxiliary Services and member will principally act as cooks, clerks, typists and chauffeurs, relieving men of the Free French Forces for active service.—Reuter.

DEFENCE NEEDS ABOVE AN M.P.'S PRIVILEGES

Members of Parliament are not exempted by privilege of parliament from detention under the Defence Regulations.

This principle was upheld by the Committee of Privileges in their report published in London yesterday, which stated that the detention of Captain Ramsay does not constitute a breach of privilege of the House of Commons.—Reuter.

NO SIGN OF JITTERS IN TURKEY

The Turks are showing no signs of intimidation despite the probability that Turkey and Greece were very much in the picture at M. Molotov's conversations in Berlin, according to Spanish newspaper correspondents in Berlin.

It is stated that Turkey is becoming increasingly pro-British and that "it is not to be doubted that the Turkish Embassy in Berlin is playing every possible card with skill and coolness."

In Spain, the prevailing view is that the talks have a two-fold object; firstly, Germany wishes to induce Russia to exercise sufficient pressure on Turkey to enable the Germans to have a freer hand in the Balkans, and secondly, Germany desires to obtain Russia's adherence to the "two continent bloc."—Reuter.

GERMAN DIVISION IN SPAIN?

GERMANY HAS A WHOLE DIVISION IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES IN SPAIN AND AN "ATTACK ON GIBRALTAR IS A LIKELY EVENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE," STATED COLONEL FRANK KNOX, UNITED STATES NAVY MINISTER, IN A POWERFUL SPEECH IN BOSTON, ADVOCATING INCREASED ATTENTION TO NATIONAL DEFENCE.

Colonel Knox expressed the view that if the Axis were successful against Gibraltar, they might make attempts to move down into South Africa.

Concerning United States preparedness, Colonel Knox stated that the American Fleet was "the strongest to-day that floats—it is not only stronger but thank God, it is ready."—Reuter.

CANADIANS MISSING IN JERVIS BAY

Among the men missing from the gallant merchant cruiser Jervis Bay are 13 seamen from the Royal Canadian Navy.—Reuter.

COUNT CSAKY ON HUNGARY'S COURSE

COUNT CSAKY, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, stated in Budapest yesterday in the Chamber of Deputies that not only the Government Party but most of the Opposition were in agreement with Government's pro-Axis policy.

Count Csaky added that Hungary was not only a non-belligerent state. She had not only maintained her frontiers but had extended them with the support of Italy and Germany.

He said the elevation of Hungary was a consequence of the rise of the Axis powers. Hungary was the first to make way to consolidate the position she attained which was made easier by existing large measure of agreement.

This gained extra importance because in the new Europe the life of smaller nations would be determined not by relations between themselves, but by their relations with the great Powers.—Reuter.

HOLLAND FINANCING WAR EFFORT

The Dutch Government, in addition to paying for its own armed forces now fighting with Britain, is also meeting the cost of all equipment for the Dutch fighting forces.

In order to increase revenue, an appeal has been made to Dutchmen all over the world to pay voluntary "income tax" the proceeds from which are expected to cover the cost of the essential services of the Government.—Reuter.

The Italian Retreat Continues

Greek Advance On The Entire Front

BRITISH CONVOY

Facts And Nazi Fiction

The news that 30 ships of the convoy of 38 vessels escorted by H.M.S. Jervis Bay are safe in port throws an interesting light on the technique of German High Command in composing communications.

On November 8, the German home radio made a special announcement at 11.15 hours, stating that "German surface warships operating in the Atlantic had completely annihilated a British convoy operating on the Western British supply line."

Two hours later, a High Command communiqué added that British merchant tonnage had thus been reduced by 86,000 tons in the space of a few hours.

This figure, which represents neither the total tonnage of the convoy nor the tonnage of ships actually sunk by the German vessel, is typical of estimates disseminated by the Germans after their attacks on shipping.

A further radio message on the same day indulged in even more extravagant assumptions based on the fact that no further news followed the "SOS" messages from Rangitiki, 16,690 tons, and Cornish City, nearly 5,000 tons.

The German radio added that the assumption that the whole British convoy was destroyed "is now confirmed by the German High Command, leading to the assumption that the German action was very swift. United States radio stations did not even receive SOS messages from the other vessels sunk."

In fact Rangitiki and Cornish City are among the ships already safe in port.

The assumption that they had been sunk and with them all ships which sent out no message indicates the unsubstantial character of the evidence upon which the German High Command is prepared to base its reports. — British Wireless.

POLAND'S POLICY

THE POLISH BRIGADE STANDS ALONGSIDE THE BRITISH IN THE MIDDLE EAST READY TO FIGHT ANY WHO DECLARES THAT POLAND HAS BEEN LIQUIDATED, DECLARED GENERAL SKORSKI, AT A LUNCHEON AT CROSVENOR HOUSE GIVEN IN HONOUR OF POLAND YESTERDAY.

The peace which will conclude the war, he said, must not be a peace of vengeance, but an act of justice excluding armed conflicts between nations for many generations.

We Poles are not only fighting to get back our country; we have wider aspirations of which we have already given definite proofs by the comprehensive understanding with Czechoslovakia, thus beginning a real federation of European powers. — Reuter.

U.S. FACTORY EXPLOSIONS

Commenting on the factory explosions in the United States on Thursday, Henry Stimson, the U.S. Secretary for War, said yesterday that "they might have

THE ITALIANS have continued to retreat in the Pindus sector and are now back in Albania, where they began, according to information reaching London last night. The Greeks are still rounding up remnants of the routed Alpini Division.

Maintenance of the Greek advance was officially confirmed in London yesterday, where it was stated that Greek infantry have reached the Albanian frontier about two miles north-east of Konitsa. Operations are continuing.

The Italians are also still retreating on the Adriatic coast, in the Epirus sector, where the Greeks have advanced in front of Mazaraki and are still pushing the Fascists back to the Kalamas River.

An Athens message says that Greek bombers have attacked the aerodrome at the Albanian city of Koritza, destroying several planes on the ground and shooting down one Italian bomber. — Reuter.

British Aid

COMMENTING ON AXIS PROPAGANDA WHICH IS SNEERING AT BRITISH HELP FOR GREECE, THE ATHENS NEWS-PAPER "HESTIA" POINTS OUT THAT ONLY WHEN HOSTILITIES BEGAN DID GREECE ASK FOR BRITISH ASSISTANCE.

The paper acridly comments: — "Although Britain and Italy both guaranteed the integrity of Greece, Britain alone honoured her signature!" — Reuter.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE FAILURE

Successful work by naval fighter aircraft during recent operations in the Mediterranean resulted in at least three enemy aircraft being destroyed and others damaged without any British losses.

This is announced in an Admiralty communiqué which says that one Italian aircraft carrying out shadowing duties was damaged and shot down in the sea on November 8 and a formation of seven aircraft approaching the Fleet was driven off, one being shot down.

On November 9, one enemy aircraft was destroyed.

On November 10, another was destroyed and a further one damaged.

Enemy planes dropped bombs in the vicinity of the Fleet without causing damage or casualties. — Reuter.

CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

Conditions were cheerful on the London stock exchange yesterday, the upward trend being accentuated by the Navy's Mediterranean success.

Industrials showed widespread, substantial gains; Kafirs continued to meet with support; oils attracted more attention; and rubber and tin shares were in demand at higher levels.

Among foreigners, South American was again prominent. Wall Street was narrowly irregular. — Reuter.

suggested Teutonic efficiency." He added that beyond this suggestion there was no indication of sabotage. — Reuter.

CONTINUED R.A.F. ATTACKS ON ALBANIAN PORTS

LONG-RANGE BOMBERS of the Royal Air Force continue their attacks on the principal Italian ports being used as supply bases for the Albanian front, states the Air Ministry.

Other aircraft last night attacked Durazzo and were guided to their target by a fire started the previous night which was still burning fiercely.

Further damage was caused to this important Albanian port. Valona was bombed and ammunition dumps and motor-transport concentrations hit.

The aerodrome at Argyrokastron, in southern Albania, was raided on Wednesday. One large blaze and two smaller fires were started and two enemy aircraft on the ground were damaged.

In the western desert, Sidi Barrani, Berka, Bardia and further west, Benghazi were all raided and considerable damage done.

At Berka, a large fire was started as a result of an attack on the barracks.

At Benghazi, ships moored were bombed. Numerous reconnaissance raids were carried out over enemy territory in all war areas of the Middle East. From all these operations all our aircraft returned safely. — Reuter.

RUMANIAN FORCES DE-MOBBED

RUMANIAN ARMED FORCES, MOBILISED AT THE TIME OF THE CESSION OF BESSARABIA AND NORTHERN BUKOVINA TO THE SOVIET, ARE BEING DEMOBILISED UNDER A DECREE ISSUED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, GENERAL ANTONESCU, SAYS A BUCHAREST MESSAGE TO THE GERMAN NEWS AGENCY.

The demobilisation begins at 2 p.m. to-day.

The decree was signed by General Antonescu before he left for his visit to Rome but was not published until yesterday.

The message adds that the Rumanian Minister for Defence authorised to call up reservists and make requisitions in case of need. — Reuter.

Four armed men robbed a farmer last night of all his money and valuable articles when they raided his house in Talpo, Marche. The men escaped.

STARTLING KENNEDY INTERVIEW

President Roosevelt has declined to accept the resignation of Mr. William Bullitt as United States Ambassador to France.

In an announcement yesterday, Mr. Bullitt says he submitted his resignation on November 7, but the President intimated that he wished him to remain in office.

Earlier in the day it had been reported in Washington that Mr. Bullitt might be offered the post of Ambassador in London in succession to Mr. Joseph Kennedy, whose interview in Boston, in which he is reported to have said that democracy in Britain is dead and which has been strongly condemned, is considered to have destroyed his official usefulness. Mr. Kennedy himself is obviously not anxious to return to London. — Reuter.

STUKAS RUN RIGHT INTO MESS

Thirteen enemy dive-bombers and one fighter were destroyed off the South-East Coast of England yesterday before they could make any attack, announces the Air Ministry and Ministry for Home Security.

The single heavy bomber which crossed the coast yesterday morning was immediately shot down. Two British fighters are missing but the pilot of one is safe.

Four More Later

Four more enemy aircraft were shot down yesterday, according to latest reports given in an Air Ministry communiqué.

This makes 19 destroyed altogether.

It is also confirmed that two enemy bombers were destroyed on Wednesday night. Both pilots are now safe of the two British fighter planes which were lost. — Reuter.

WELFARE OF SEAMEN

Voluntary societies concerned with the welfare of seamen are assisting the Minister of Labour and the Seamen's Welfare Board, which has been set up to advise him on problems affecting the welfare of seamen.

The societies have appointed a representative central consultative council to consider the problems involved and to provide a channel of communication between voluntary organisations and the Ministry of Labour. — British Wireless.

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TABLES TURNED IN MEDITERRANEAN: INITIATIVE CHANGING

(By Reuter's Military Correspondent)

IN THE PAST FEW DAYS EVENTS, BOTH NAVAL AND MILITARY, IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, HAVE MADE A DEFINITE CHANGE TOWARDS THE NEW BALANCE OF POWER.

In no country will the change be seen more quickly than in Egypt where the battle of Taranto particularly will have repercussions.

Whereas up till recently, the threat to Alexandria seemed immediate, now on land as well as sea, the balance appears to be turning the other way.

It is now clear that when Italy declared war on Greece she was strong enough for an immediate offensive. Her Koritz divisions alone included 24,000 veteran Alpini. They were later joined by the Centaurie division of tanks and motor-cycle units—a total of 25,000 picked men.

These divisions are now struggling through the Pindus gorges in a demoralised state. Whether or not the Greeks can continue their local successes and capture Koritz, the entire situation in the Adriatic has already been altered in the Allies' favour.

Italian Morale

The same may be said of Africa. The fall of Gallabat was well timed with the Taranto action although its influence may be small on the strategic plan.

What must be even more disturbing to the Italian morale is the continual British naval air force attacks on Benghazi and Tobruk.

The Italian Army at Libya depends for its supplies on sea-borne traffic and drums of oil and water, laboriously amassed, will not last indefinitely in Libya, Abyssinia and Somaliland. If sea communications are denied.

It is too soon yet to be optimistic about the British situation in the Middle East. General Wavell has a tremendous task ahead. Nevertheless, this week's operations have helped greatly towards his final goal.—Reuter.

SLEPT SOUNDLY—NEAR BOMB

Ronald Wrightson, nineteen-year-old Merchant Navy cadet, slept peacefully at his parents' home in a London district when he came home on leave.

The previous night an attempt had been made to bomb his ship, and Ronald had been on duty at his gun station. He had travelled throughout the day and was tired.

He was not surprised when he found that his parents were out. They were not expecting him. A.A. shell splinters were falling, so he broke in through a window. After a meal he went to sleep.

When he got up he went to the front door and looked out on a deserted street.

A warden saw him and shouted. Ronald ran.

There was an unexploded bomb in front of the Wrightson home. The district had been cleared, and the bomb was expected to explode at any minute.

"I don't suppose I should have slept so soundly if I had known," said Ronald.

CAPTAIN RAMSAY'S CASE

The detention of Captain Ramsay, M.P., who was arrested under the Defence Regulations last May, has been the subject of an investigation by the Committee of Privileges of the House of Commons, and the committee issued its report yesterday afternoon.

The Committee states that it is of the opinion that the detention of Captain Ramsay under Regulation 18-B is not a breach of the privileges of the House.

It found no support for the view that an M.P. escaped by privilege from detention under the Defence Regulations of 1939.

In his evidence, Captain Ramsay, in connection with an allegation by another M.P. that he had been appointed "Gauleiter" for Scotland, said that "there is not a shred of truth in that statement." — Reuter.

PURCHASES IN CANADA

BRITAIN HAS AGREED TO BUY NEARLY £26,500,000 WORTH OF FOOD PRODUCTS FROM CANADA DURING THE SECOND YEAR OF THE WAR, SAYS AN OTTAWA MESSAGE.

This total takes no account of wheat purchases.

In making this announcement in the Canadian House of Commons yesterday, Mr. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, said that he saw prospects of selling about 16,000,000 bushels of wheat to Britain annually for the next five years.—Reuter.

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WHEN 'GAS' WAS JUST WASTE

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Yes sir. A model of the first oil refinery built by the late John D. Rockefeller is on exhibit at the Field Museum of Natural History here. When Mr. Rockefeller built the original in 1863, at Cleveland, Ohio, oil refineries were chiefly interested in making kerosene for lamps, the museum says. This done, great quantities of gasoline remained as a by-product. And, what to do with it?

There were no automobiles, no aeroplanes, farm tractors, motorships, nor many of the other modern day contraptions that run by internal combustion.

The first refinery ever built, says Henry W. Nichols, Chief Curator of Geology at the Museum, was manufactured eight years previously, in 1855. Primitive in construction, it produced a kerosene that sold for \$1.25 a gallon.

GIANT "FLASHES" FOR AIR PHOTOS?

Giant photographic flash bulbs of an estimated 1,000,000 candle power each provided the illumination by which Army fliers photographed Rochester from the air Oct. 9 in what was said to have been the first major test of night aerial photography in history.

Secret in content and operation, the bombs were dropped from an aeroplane flying at 5,000 feet. Each time one exploded a synchronised camera flashed a picture and then rolled up its own film by means of a complicated photoelectric cell device.

The experiments were conducted by U. S. Army men under Maj. George W. Goddard, Army photographic research chief, who has been working with physicists from the Eastman Kodak Company. They marked the culmination of experiments worked out by Major Goddard over a period of 14 years.

"Five-Mile Square"

The photographic device, Major Goddard revealed, permitted the camera shutter to operate when

the flash bulb was at its peak of illumination. The flash, he said, illuminated a five-mile-square area sufficiently for photographic purposes, and provided light equal to that of the sun when it is on the horizon.

Eastman Kodak physicists measured light intensity of the bombs from the roof of one of their buildings as the bombs burst over the city with resounding noises. They measured "candle power in the billions," but the exact power of each bomb remained a military secret.

Practical results of the experiments, Major Goddard said, should be opportunity for Army fliers to photograph enemy objectives and troop movements under cover of night. So intense is the flash of each bomb, the observing plane is kept invisible from ground batteries.

"Daylight" In A Bulb

"There have been times in the history of the world when an hour more of daylight would have changed the tide of battle and, in turn, influenced the sweep of history," Major Goddard said. "We now have that daylight in this light bulb."

Only one five thousandth of a second expires between the time the bomb bursts and the camera shutter operates. All the apparatus in the plane works automatically, calling only for a flip of the hand to take a new picture.

Major Goddard envisaged the time when night photographs would be developed aloft and their results radioed to home bases.

R. A. F. CAN TAKE MORE MEN

The remarkable speed-up in the production of aircraft and the expansion of training facilities are now enabling the Royal Air Force to enrol many more men for air crews.

Pilot candidates can in future be accepted between the ages of eighteen and thirty. Hitherto the upper age limit has been twenty-eight. The upper limit for observers and wireless operator-air gunners remains thirty-two.

Unregistered men over eighteen years of age who are fit and intelligent and possess dash and initiative may apply for air crew service to the R.A.F. section of the nearest combined recruiting centre.

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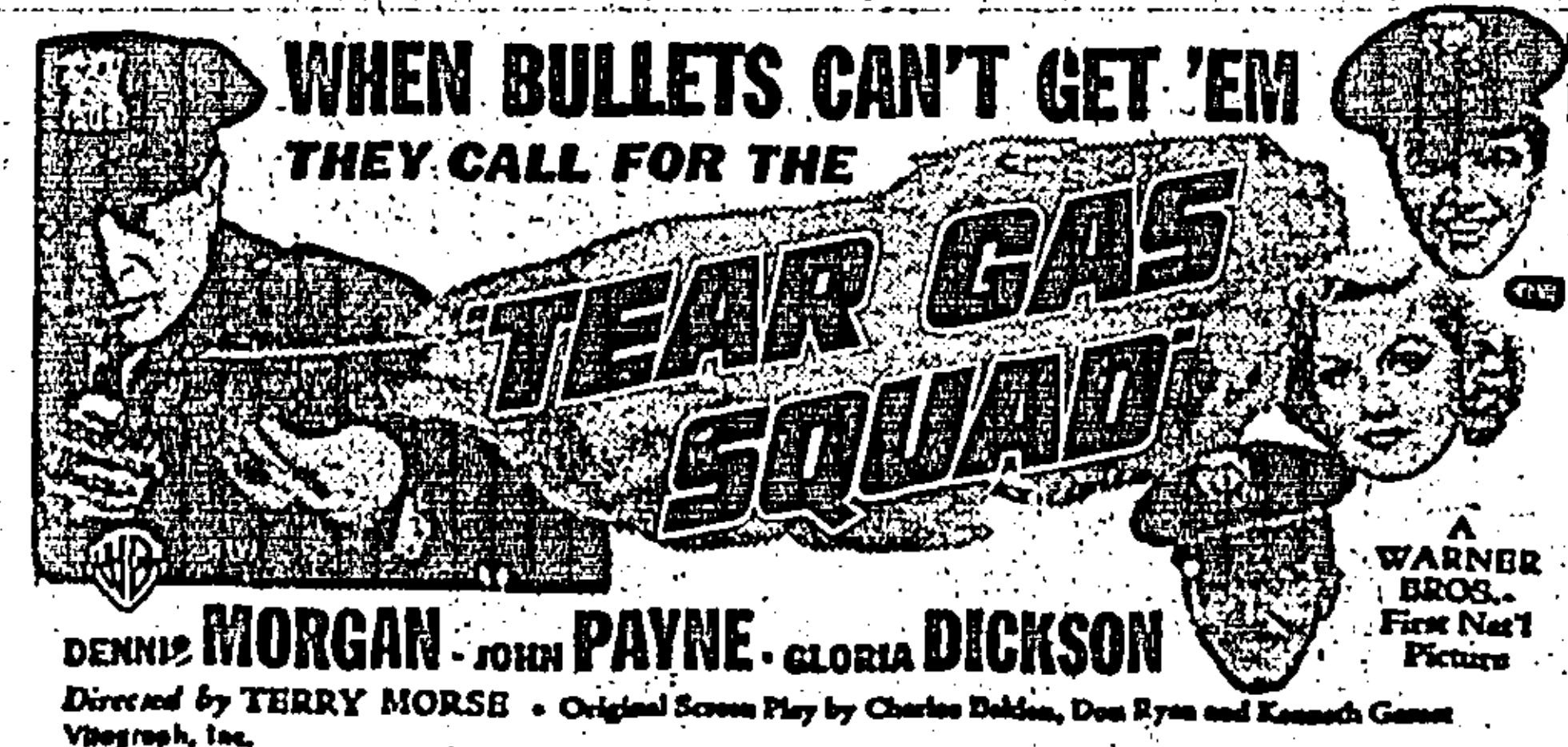


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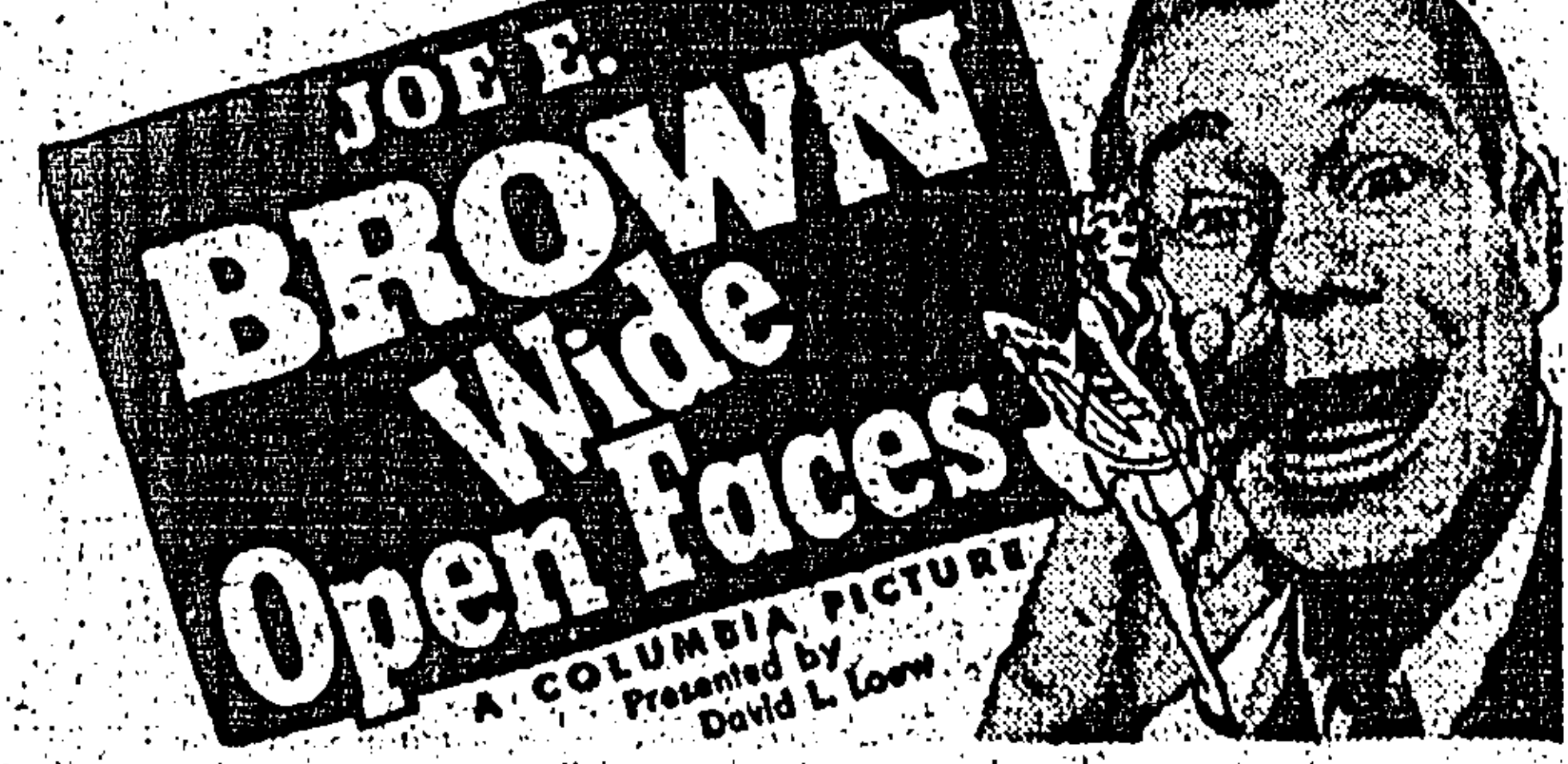


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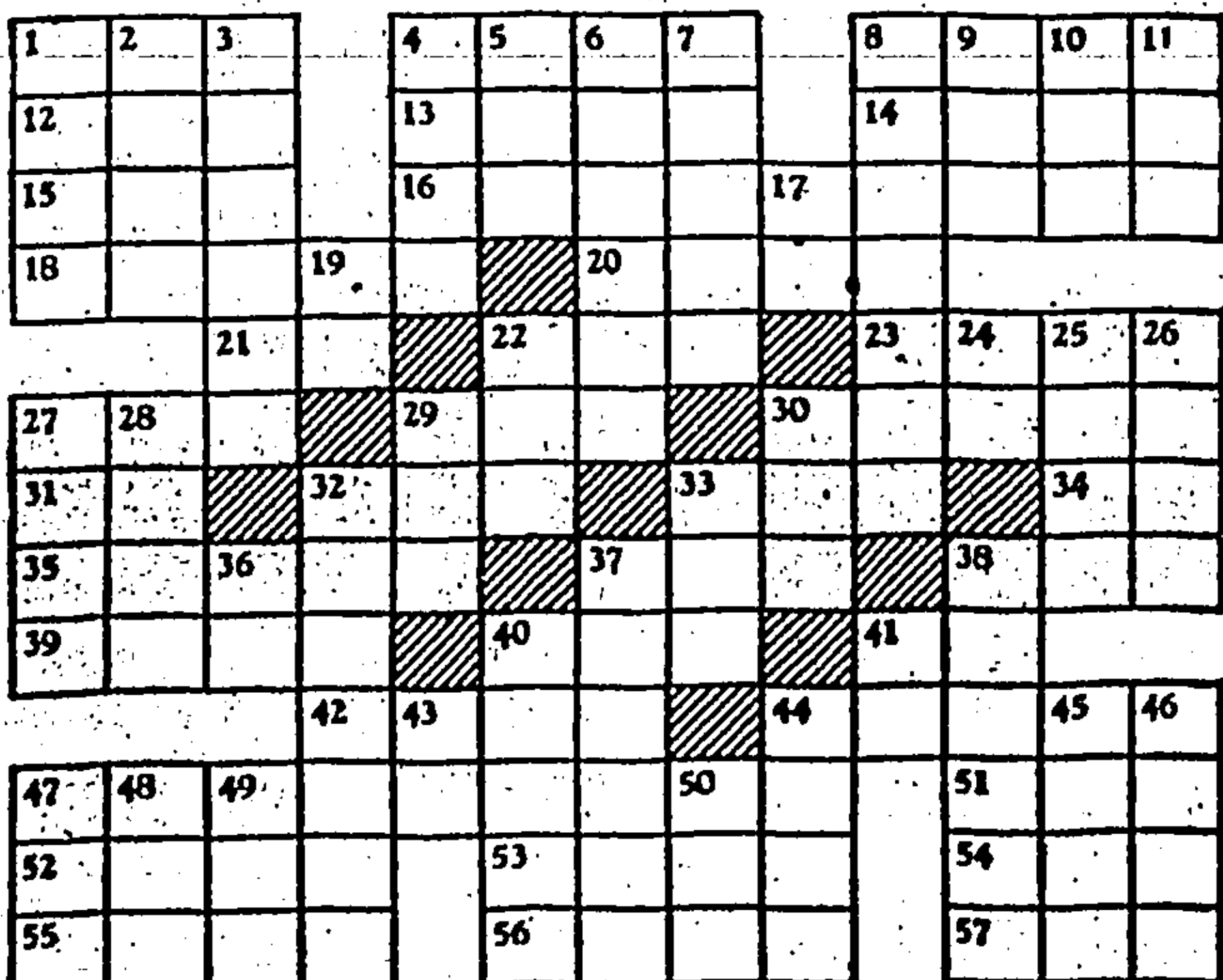
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- 14 Mohammedan judge
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- 16 Pilot
- 18 Smarting sensation
- 20 Greek coin
- 21 Artificial language
- 22 To piece out
- 23 To give forth
- 27 Fish eggs
- 29 To colour
- 30 Positive voltaic pole
- 31 Four
- 32 Small
- 33 To hasten
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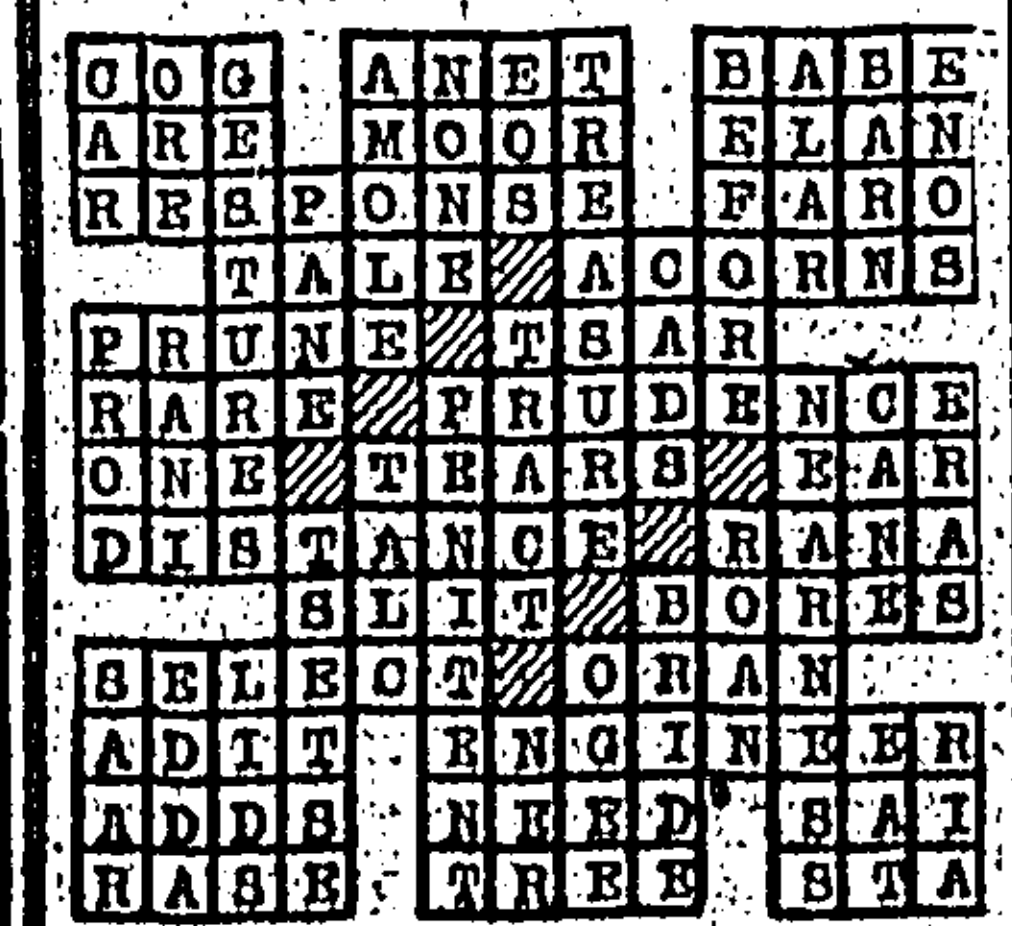
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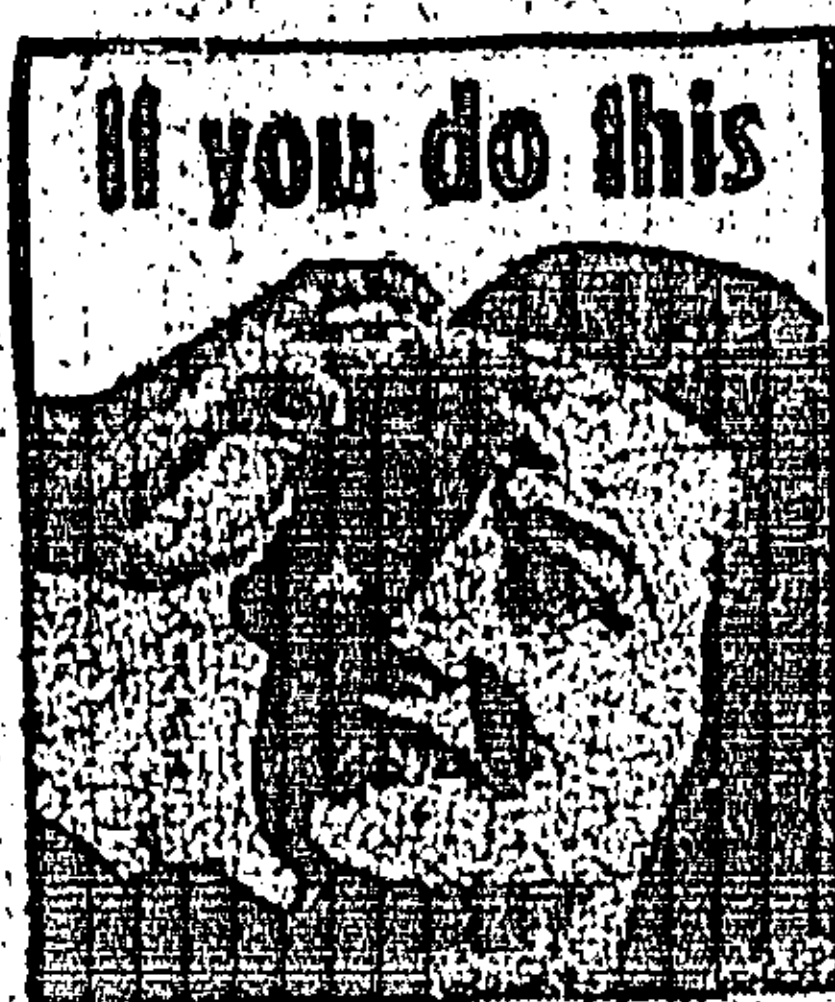
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- 2 To assist
- 3 Irony
- 4 Taste
- 5 Peruvian tuber
- 6 To cancel
- 7 Clan
- 8 Kind of triangle
- 9 Hindu pillar

10 Bustle

- 11 Russian commune
- 17 Prizefight
- 19 Japanese drama
- 22 Head organ
- 24 Japanese coin
- 25 Not working
- 26 Placed on a mound
- 27 Narrow opening
- 28 Elliptical
- 29 Chief of the janizaries
- 30 Melody
- 32 To brawl
- 33 Receptacle for carrying bricks
- 36 Concerning
- 37 Neater
- 38 Duellist
- 40 Hardest part
- 41 Note of scale
- 43 Land measure
- 44 Novice
- 45 Southwestern river
- 46 Norse god
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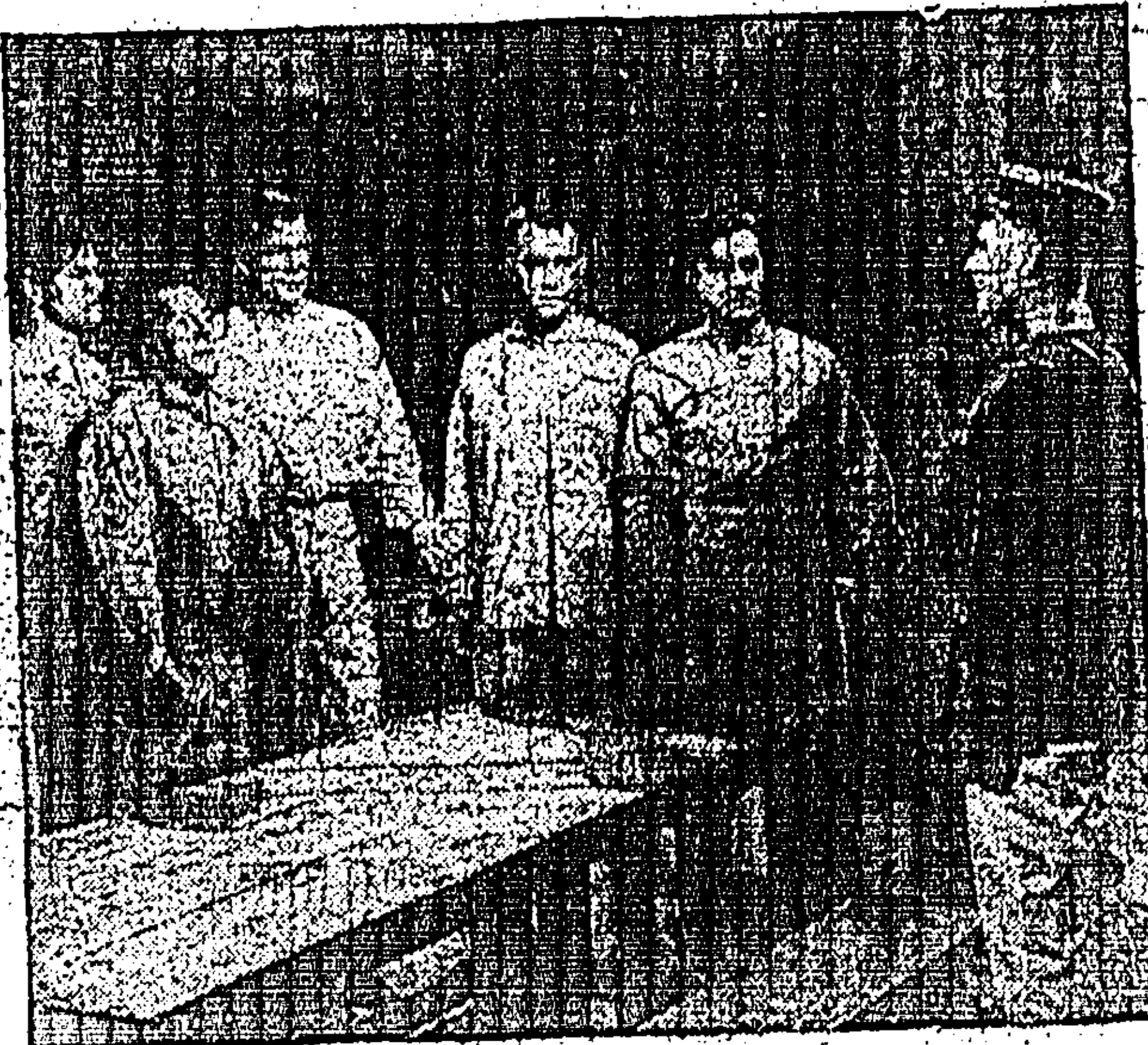
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JAPAN MISSED CHANCE IN DUTCH INDIES

JAPAN HAS "missed the boat" in the Netherlands East Indies, say important oil men in close contact with Far Eastern affairs.

If Japan had attacked the Dutch island colonies on May 10—the day Adolf Hitler started into the Netherlands—a Nipponese conquest would have been a pushover.

But the day of opportunity for quick conquest of the Indies, rich in oil, tin, and rubber, has now passed, these oil experts say.

Japan's principal interest in the East Indies is oil, a war need. And now plans are said to be complete for quick destruction, by radio signal of indefensible Indies oil fields, and for defence of the vital fields in Java, which the Colonial Government would try to save.

Here's what has happened in the islands during the past five months, as the oil executives here understand it:

Since May 10, Netherlands East Indies fighting forces have been increased from 65,000 to an aggregate of 100,000 men.

The naval force of four cruisers, 12 destroyers, 16 submarines and 100 or so small torpedo boats has been expanded.

Great Britain has stationed more "patrol" ships at nearby Singapore, a stone's throw away.

The Air Force—made up principally of American-built planes—has been increased from 150 machines on May 10 to more than 400 fighting craft. The new ships are of the latest type, in large part Martin bombers and Lockheed fighters.

There are three major oil fields in the Indies—on the islands of Borneo, Sumatra and Java. Harbours and areas outside harbours on all three islands since May have been heavily mined.

Oil fields and refineries in Borneo and Sumatra have been mined. Defences have been strengthened around the oil fields in Java, which the Dutch are prepared to defend.

"It is oil alone that has attracted Japan in the Indies," one expert on Far Eastern petroleum affairs said. "In both Borneo and Sumatra there is oil, swamp and natives. In Java there is oil, too, but also in Java there live 50,000,000 of the Indies' 70,000,000 inhabitants.

"Five Or Six Years"

"In case of Japanese invasion, some effort would be expended to defend oil fields in Borneo and Sumatra. But if Japan should come down in full force, oil properties on both islands would be destroyed. They will be wrecked so that they cannot be rebuilt again in less than five or six years.

To get command of oil in Java, which the Indies will defend, an invading force of at least 200,000 men would be needed.

Remember that war as it is fought to-day requires landing of an average of 15 tons of supplies for each invader stepping on shore if the invasion is to stick. Java's 100,000 army regulars and trained reservists are ready now to repel an invasion attempt. They have protecting mine fields, anti-aircraft guns, and "planes."

United States investments in the Indies total around \$90,000,000 to-day, of which 50 per cent represents oil.

Oil Wells Mined

"American petroleum engineers showed the oil men in Borneo, Sumatra and Java how to mine an oil well so that it could be put out of business plenty long," he said. "In the last war, oil wells were mined three or four hundred feet down. This time new United States-developed methods enable wells to be mined right. It took expert oil drillers seven or eight years to reach pools several thousand feet below land level in the Indies when the wells were developed. It would take almost as long to re-drill them once they were blown up with present mines."

HE WROTE TO "THE TIMES"

There's a lot to be said for tax collectors.

In fact, there usually is a lot said, though it's not always strictly for tax collectors. But G. B. Holt, of Somewhere-in-England, had so much to say for and on behalf of tax collectors, that he sat down and wrote to "The Times" about it—which is usually what an Englishman does when he feels strongly about something.

It seems that Mr. Holt one day received one of those alarming Final Demand Notices, from the local Collector of Taxes, threatening all sorts of unpleasant things if the overdue tax was not immediately forthcoming.

Now Mr. Holt is in the Army. He was one of the Territorial volunteers called up on the outbreak of hostilities and he sent the demand back with a little note explaining the delay in payment, and remarking, in a wistful sort of way that the Terriers were not in the best of positions nowadays,

LIFE IN INDIAN ARMY

A British volunteer, who left Shanghai on September 22 to join the Indian Army, writes from a station near Delhi, describing his preliminary training, and first impressions of life in the army. He is now a Cadet Officer in a Royal Engineering Regiment—King George V's Bengal Sappers and Miners—having been an engineer in private life.

The cadets in this regiment will receive a special course of training in difficulties encountered in mechanised warfare in India.

Extracts from the letter follow:

"Coolish Nights"

"Here I am at last in India. We arrived in Bombay on October 10 and, after staying a few days in that town, left for the training station, which is situated way up beyond Delhi in sight of the Himalayas. The weather at the moment is excellent with coolish nights and warm days.

"Our party consists only of four engineers of the six that came from Shanghai. Two were taken on by the mechanical folk in Bombay and are staying there. We have arrived much too soon; the school is not built yet let alone started, so we spend our time learning order. I parted with the rest at Bombay, they have gone to Bangalore.

Numerous Bangalows

"There are numerous bungalows scattered about Roorkee and in one of them I have a bed. That is practically all I have except for some shelves and cupboards. For meals we all travel to the Officer's mess which acts somewhat as a club and feeding centre for all the unmarried men. There is a squash court, tennis courts and swimming pool for our use (water's a bit cold) while games are organised elsewhere, such as football, hockey, polo for those who play.

"It being the custom, I have taken on a bearer, a young local Indian with no knowledge of English. At present we converse by signs, later I hope, it will be in his own lingo.

"I might just mention that no matter what you buy in China, it is sure to be cheaper than it is here. I wish I had bought more."

B. W. O. F.

AMBULANCE FUND

Information has been received from the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation, London, that owing to shortage in England of material of which ambulances are made, they have temporarily closed their special appeal for donations for these vehicles.

The Local British War Organisation Fund has received generous donations amounting to \$883.27 for the purchase of ambulances.

It has been suggested that that money might be devoted to the purchase of motor canteens or motor kitchens, which provide much needed meals to the victims of bomb outrages as well as supplying food and small necessities to men stationed at remote points on the coast of Great Britain.

As the money in our possession was given specifically for the purchase of ambulances we cannot divert it to any other purpose without the approval of the donors. It is impossible to seek consent from each donor individually and therefore it is proposed, unless notice of objection is received by the Hon. Secretary, British War Organisation Fund at Government House, within ten days from this date, to devote the funds in our hands to the purchase of mobile canteens and kitchens.

and it would be kinder if Tax Collectors sent them dashboards instead of Final Demands.

Imagine Mr. Holt's surprise when by return mail he received a magnificent dashboard and a letter from the Collector of Taxes declaring that he and his staff had been so affected by the soldiers' initiative that they had felt obliged to rush forth to the nearest sports goods trader and purchase a board.

Now you can understand why Mr. Holt has kind things to say about the Tax Collector.

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TARANTO TRIUMPH

When the First Lord of the Admiralty proclaimed that the wrecking of three Italian capital ships in the attack on Taranto had decisively altered the balance of sea-power in all the oceans of the world, he was speaking without a jot of excess.

In their dashing raid, the squadron of the Fleet Air Arm responsible for the magnificent achievement, gained for Britain an immense strategical success which is certain to have important repercussions everywhere war is in progress or where fancy may be lightly turning to thoughts of war.

Bold in its conception, and brilliantly carried through, the attack succeeded probably beyond all expectations. One of the two of the Littorio class of battleships is down nose-first in the shallows of Taranto harbour, another great shattered ship was beached to prevent her sinking, and a third is known to have been severely damaged.

It means, virtually, that Italy's hope of achieving naval supremacy in the Mediterranean is smashed beyond repair; for having shirked the test of battle with six capital ships, the venture now would be suicidal. It relieves the Admiralty of a host of anxieties. It means, chiefly, that the Navy has regained complete freedom of action and may, without relaxing its grip on the Mediterranean for one moment, release ships from the great concentrations at Alexandria, Crete and Gibraltar for service elsewhere, as and when, the need arises.

It is, perhaps, coincidence that announcement of the creation of a new office in the Far East, that of Commander-in-Chief, to co-ordinate the land, air and sea defence system in the Far East, inclusive of Burma, Malaya, Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand should have followed closely upon the heels of the shattering blow dealt at Italy at Taranto. Perhaps it is more than coincidence.

Be that as it may, the one is certain to have tremendous influence on the other.

It is disclosed that further reinforcements have recently reached the Far East. The announcement gives notice to Japan of Britain's intention to defend her Far East territories with all the forces at her disposal should they be threatened. The crushing of Italy's naval



"When you can spare a minute, Boss, there's someone here to see you"

Woman "Ferry" Pilot Tells Her Story

THE first thing I would like to make clear is that we women members of the British Air Transport Auxiliary do not regard ourselves as "heroines." We are doing what we hope is a useful job of work, but there is nothing spectacular about it, because we are, all twenty of us, thoroughly used to flying, and we think no more of piloting an aeroplane than we do of driving a car.

That is not conceit; it is a plain statement of fact. Because you see, most of us, before the war came along, were earning our living in civil aviation, as pilots or instructors. I was an instructor myself, at an aerodrome near London. I learned to fly when I was 17—that is, five years ago—and when I was accepted last winter as one of the eight who made up the original women's unit, I had done about 600 hours solo. The qualification for a ferry pilot was 250 hours. Most of my colleagues—I was the youngest of them—had between 1000 and 2000 hours to their credit.

PERHAPS the best way to give you an idea of our work is to describe a typical day's programme. We are attached to an aerodrome not very far from London and we report for duty each morning soon after nine o'clock. Some of us live in a hotel near the aerodrome; others in London or in our homes on the outskirts.

By the time we arrive, our chief, Pauline Gower, is arranging the day's schedule. She is one of the most experienced air women in the country, and has run our section of A.T.A. most successfully since the beginning.

She has to ring up, or is rung up by, various contractors all over Britain. They report that they have certain aircraft waiting to be "picked up" and taken to Royal Air Force maintenance units or training squadrons. The contractor may be in the south of England; the aircraft's destination is very likely to be "somewhere in Scotland." Or the factory may be in

power at Taranto adds to that polite hint the plainest intimation that the naval situation has undergone a mighty change in Britain's favour.

The pilots of the Fleet Air Arm have gained a victory as signal in its consequences as that of their heroic comrades of the Royal Air Force in the Battle Over Britain.

the north and the R.A.F. station in the west.

In either case a journey of several hundred miles is involved, and now that production is being accelerated so greatly, the demands made on the four ferry pools—ours and the three staffed by men pilots—are growing every week, every day almost.

WHEN the preliminary list is complete—it will probably be added to in the course of the day—our Ferry Officer has to get a second list, because the girls have got to get to the factories as quickly as possible, and, very often, brought back by air to headquar-

By John Hughes

ters as well when they have delivered their aircraft. Sometimes, of course, they can do another delivery on the way back. Even so, a "taxi" as we call these intermediate machines which carry the ferry-pilots about, have got to pick them up at X and take them on to Y where they will pick up their aircraft and go to Z. So you will understand the schedule of the day's flights, when it is complete, will, on a busy day—and that really means every day on which flying is possible at all—be a complicated one.

Well, all these arrangements are the business of the senior officers and meantime the rest of us sit and wait our call. There's a good deal of competition for our few comfortable chairs. The unlucky ones perch where they can, on a table or somewhere—there's no luxury about our "rest-room" to put it mildly. We smoke and talk and knit—we've done quite a lot of knitting in such spare time as we do get—until the moment comes for us to go in and get our "chits."

OUR uniform, by the way, is rather a smart one. It has been adapted from the uniform the pilots of British Airways used to wear. It's dark blue, and on the breast there are tiny gold wings with the letters "A.T.A." worked into the middle. First officers have three gold bars on the shoulder, second officers two, Oh and we wear skirts, not trousers. Pauline Gower thinks that even if women are doing a man's job of work, that's no reason why they

shouldn't continue to look feminine. Of course, when we're flying we have to wear regulation flying suits and parachutes rather like bustles at the back. And I don't think anybody would claim that all this very necessary paraphernalia improves our beauty! All the same, when we're not in the air, we do pride ourselves on our appearance.

Once we have been given our "chits" we lose no time in getting away. These "chits" are simply delivery and receipt slips—one we leave with the contractor, and another we bring back to headquarters signed by the officer in charge of the R.A.F. aerodrome to which we have delivered the aircraft.

Several of us will pile into one "taxi"—generally a "Pruss Moth"—and very soon we're in the air on the way to the nearest factory where one of our number is to "collect."

YOU probably wonder what it feels like to fly alone in wartime? Well, of course, there is always the bare chance that one may come across a German machine and that does tend to keep one on the watch all the time! But happily the sky is a very large place and the chances of coming across a Dornier or a Messerschmitt are very small—especially as the R.A.F. keep such a good lookout for visitors. Anyway, we've had no excitement of that kind so far. In fact we are not a little proud that we have ferried several hundred aeroplanes so far without any trouble and strictly according to routine.

Mind you, there are certain complications about flying in wartime. We have to keep away from prohibited areas, where there are balloon barrages and other devices intended to... well, shall I say, make flying more difficult? We have to fly in all weathers, without the usual aids to navigation—meteorological reports, and so on, and at the best possible speed of which our aircraft are capable. No dawdling in the sky! And when we get to our destination we have to take certain steps to make sure that we are recognised as a friend before we touch down.

THE Air Ministry is paying us a high compliment by asking us—both men and women in the

A.T.A.—to take on more work. In September last year Mr. Gerard d'Erlanger, with the encouragement of the Director-General of Civil Aviation, Sir Francis Shelmardine, formed a pool of thirty ferry-pilots—all men—who were attached to two R.A.F. stations. That was the beginning of A.T.A. We women were recruited in December. There was only a handful of us in those days. Pauline Gower, who was taught to fly by Amy Johnson, of England-to-Australia fame, and afterwards joined an aerial circus, going into loops, spins and rolls every day between lunch and dinner; Winifred Crossley who had had more than five years' experience in the air, including "stunting"; Mona Friedlander, who was the first woman to do Army cooperation flying and is an ice-hockey international; the Hon. Mrs. Fairweather, eldest daughter of Lord Runciman, who used to be an instructor at Renfrew Airport for the Civil Air Guard before the war; Margaret Cunison, another Scot, who won a bursary which enabled her to learn to fly and piloted one of the most brilliant pupils at the Scottish flying crews; Rosemary Rees, who has flown unconcernedly all over Europe in all sorts of weather, by herself. Mrs. Patterson whose corps of women pupils at Romford, near London, was quite famous last year; Mrs. R. Wilberforce, who hails from Aberdeen—it's surprising how many Scotswomen seem to make good pilots—and myself the "baby" of the gang in those days.

FOUR of us had husbands in the forces, by the way. Well, since then we've grown considerably. Amy Johnson is one of those who've joined us. And it's not only in numbers that we've increased, but in duties. You see, early this year Mr. d'Erlanger was asked to set up pools of his own, which should be run, not by the Royal Air Force but by himself and British Airways, one of whose wartime activities this is, and since February the number of machines which we carry every week in A.T.A. has gone up fifteen times. Before we used to ferry only from the factory to the R.A.F. maintenance unit, because when an aircraft leaves a factory it still has to be fitted out inside, even though it can be flown. Now we ferry not only repaired aircraft but also fully equipped aircraft from the maintenance units, to the various squadron headquarters themselves.

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CANADA'S WAR
INDUSTRY IN
ITS STRIDE

CANADIAN-UNITED STATES cooperation in defence moves ahead, especially in the air and on the sea. Recently, a party of American and Canadian journalists inspected defence activities from Hamilton to Halifax. Here is a final report from a correspondent of "Christian Science Monitor."

The Canadian Government has just warned manufacturers of war materials to stop enticing skilled labour away from their competitors. This is one of the most significant developments in Canada's wartime industrial revolution. It indicates at once both the progress made in developing the country's arsenals and the grave problems ahead. Of these problems the bottleneck of skilled workmen is evidently the most serious.

The extent of Canada's attempt to make itself, in the words of Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, "the arsenal of the British Empire" can be gauged roughly by the fact that industrial orders totaling \$345,000,000 have been placed for the Canadian Government and \$100,000,000 has been allocated for the British Government. About \$225,000,000 has been invested in new plants which will manufacture a vast variety of war essentials.

The figures do not indicate, however, the impact of the war on the industry of this country. More significant is the Government announcement that employment has surpassed all previous records. More revealing are the workshops in the midst of this war boom, the new armament factories, the first attempt to make aeroplanes on a substantial scale, the news that for the first time, this country will build aeroplane engines, the spectacle of busy shipyards, lathes turning out shell casings, girls stuffing cordite into rifle ammunition.

This industrial programme is only beginning now, after a year of war, to get into its stride. No Canadian denies that this country, like Britain, was slow to mobilise its resources and was lulled into delay by unwise reliance on the strategy of the Maginot Line.

The supplies on hand in the Canadian fighting services also appeared inadequate to a party of visiting American editors, but it must be remembered that virtually every weapon owned by Canada was rushed overseas to Britain after the disaster of Dunkirk. Only now is that gap being filled and still supplies are moving overseas.

Was Inadequately
Equipped

Canada was not equipped in any way to produce munitions on a large scale when the war broke out. Practically all its munition factories had to be built in the last year. Now fourteen plants are turning out shells, including 18-pounders, 25-pounders, 3.7 inch, 4.5 inch, 5.5 inch and 9.2 inch. Orders for shells already placed total \$100,000,000 and production will soon be at a minimum of 1,000,000 a month. New investment in ammunition, shell, cartridge case and fuse plants is estimated at \$30,000,000.

Bren machine-guns and rifles are in production on a large scale, though no figures on output have been released. Canada is only beginning now to make field guns and heavy naval guns and, having sent nearly all its artillery to Britain, lacks even sufficient guns for adequate training. But by the end of 1941, the country expects to have built substantial quantities of 25-pounders, submachine guns, two-pounder and 5.5 inch howitzers.

Canada's problem is complicated by the need of meshing its armament with that of Britain and the United States, when both these countries use different artillery and ammunition. Canada secured 80,000 rifles from the United States to replace those shipped to Britain and now has to manufacture a new kind of ammunition to fit the American calibre.

In the aeroplane industry Canada is determined to follow American designs as far as possible because it depends on the United States almost entirely for engines, though a few come from Britain. Up to now none has

been made here but the government is negotiating with a British company which will open an engine factory during the next year.

Canadian 'Planes

At present 130 aeroplanes, minus engines, are being built in Canadian factories where virtually none was built before the war. By March next the Government hopes to have increased this output to 360 a month, two-thirds of them training planes to be used in the British Commonwealth Air Training Scheme. The remaining third, bombers and fighters, will be retained for Canadian defence or, if necessary, shipped to Britain, where all fighting and bombing planes made here so far have been sent already. Eleven separate types of planes are manufactured.

The weakest spot in the Canadian fighting forces, as in the American, is lack of tanks. Canada has only 20 serviceable tanks and, after failure to get any more elsewhere, has embarked on a programme of tank construction. About 800 tanks of three designs are being built but are some distance from completion. The Government's programme calls for the production of three or four 18-ton tanks a day in the near future and seven a day by next year. Four thousand 25-ton tanks will be built for Britain.

Light tanks—really Bren gun carriers—will be made at the rate of 200 to 300 a month and a new medium-weight tank designed here, and powered with two Ford motors, is about ready for testing. If successful, it will be made on a large scale, for Canada is well equipped to build all forms of mechanical transport.

This country, in fact, has become the chief world supply source for mechanised vehicle transport—everything from station wagons to heavy four-wheel drive gun tractors. Four hundred units a day are being turned out, for use here and in Britain. The Canadian automobile industry has become a key factor in the national war effort.

Plants Being Built

It is in the manufacture of explosives and chemicals that Canada probably will contribute most to the munition stores of the British Empire. Nine large explosive and chemical plants, costing \$58,400,000, are being built and carefully spotted all over the country to avoid concentration in one area. To produce aluminium and aluminium products \$40,000,000 is invested in a plant already operating. All the mines and smelters of the country are at peak production, just as the timber industry is working overtime to supply lumber to Britain.

This programme is small compared with those of the dictator nations and yet in a country of 11,500,000 people it means nothing less than an industrial revolution. Canada is operating industrial processes, making complicated mechanisms which had never been considered up to last autumn.

For example, no Canadian industrialist had the remotest idea eight months ago how anti-aircraft guns were made. Now they are being built here in Canada by workmen who had never seen such a weapon before last spring.

The ultimate effects of these vast changes in the industrial and economic structure of the country

BOMBER
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The British Air Ministry has given the name "Boston" to the new Douglas DB7 type, twin-engine bombers, in compliment to the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, a Bostonian. A number of the American-built bombers are already in England.

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Further contributions will be gratefully received by the Secretary, Earl Haig's Fund, Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building. Cheques should be made payable to Thomson & Co. and crossed "Poppy Day Fund."

CANADA
SENDS
SERUM

Canada is shipping immediately 50,000 packages of anti-tetanus serum for use in Britain.

The shipments are being made in response to an appeal from the British Red Cross to Col. George Nasmith, the Canadian Red Cross Commissioner in London, who at once got in touch by cable with Canada.

Col. Nasmith said that arrangements had been made for the supplies to come from the Connaught Laboratories near Toronto, which supplied large quantities during the last war.

Major-Gen. O. L. Robinson, of the British Red Cross, said that more reserve supplies of the serum were needed, and that was why Canada was approached. The shipments would be available for general use where required. The serum is for the prevention of lockjaw, and will be used where necessary in the case of air-raid victims and wherever else needed.

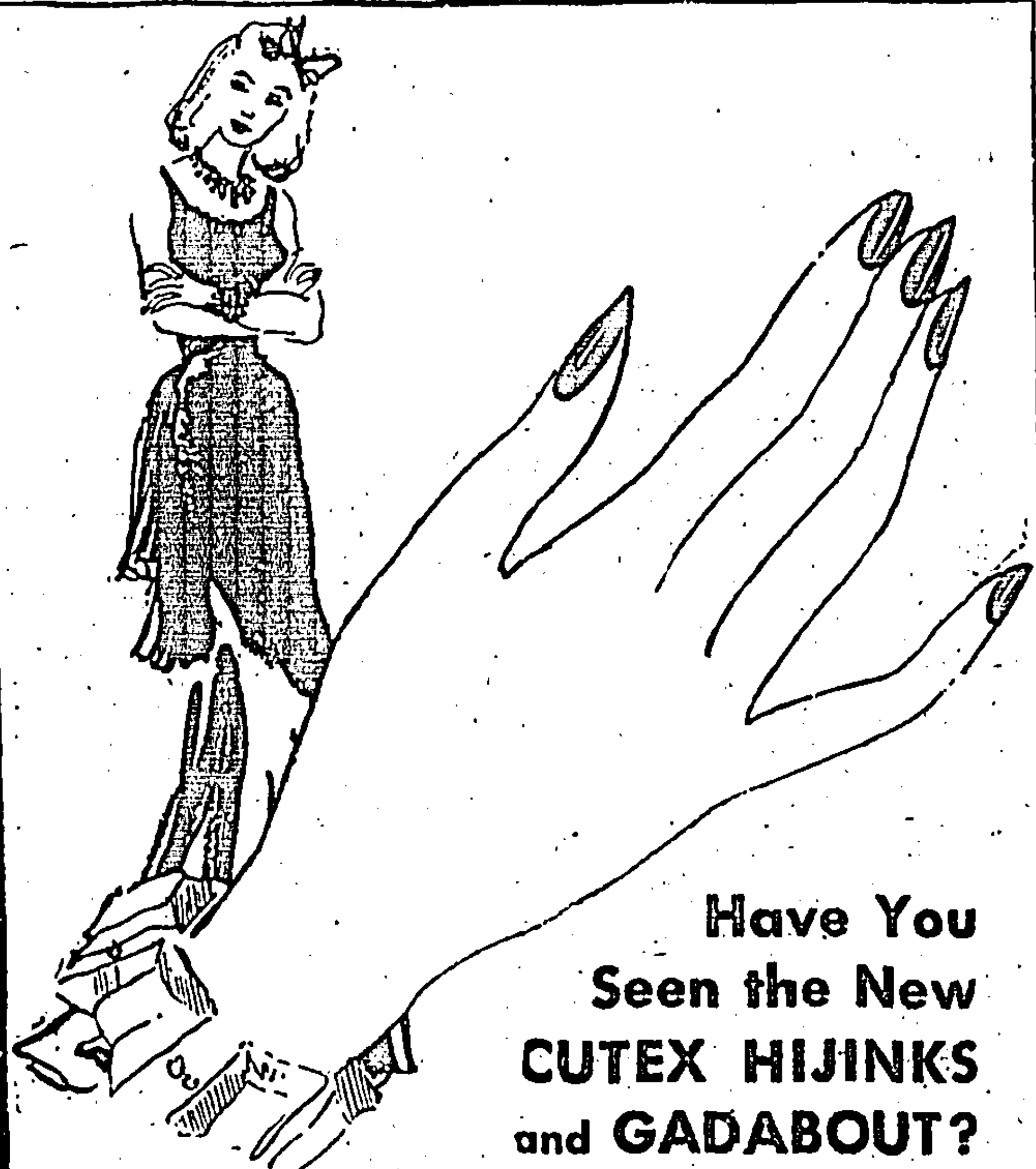
CANADIAN COAL UP

Coal production in Canada during the first half of 1940 amounted to 8,227,401 tons compared with 6,816,269 tons in the first six months of 1939.

cannot be foreseen, but no one is worrying about that now. Canada knows that readjustment after the war, when the war market has collapsed, will cause the gravest economic problems in its history, but when you ask the average Canadian about it he shrugs and says that nothing matters now but victory in the war. The problems of peace can wait.

The growing problem of war on the industrial front, however, may not wait much longer. Canadian leaders realise now that this country lacks skilled hands to manage the huge programme of munitions manufacture which will reach its peak perhaps a year hence. Already industrialists protest when the Government seeks to conscript young men for war training and many will have to be exempted. The greatest single need in Canada's war effort to-day is a programme which will train skilled mechanics on a large scale, and quickly.

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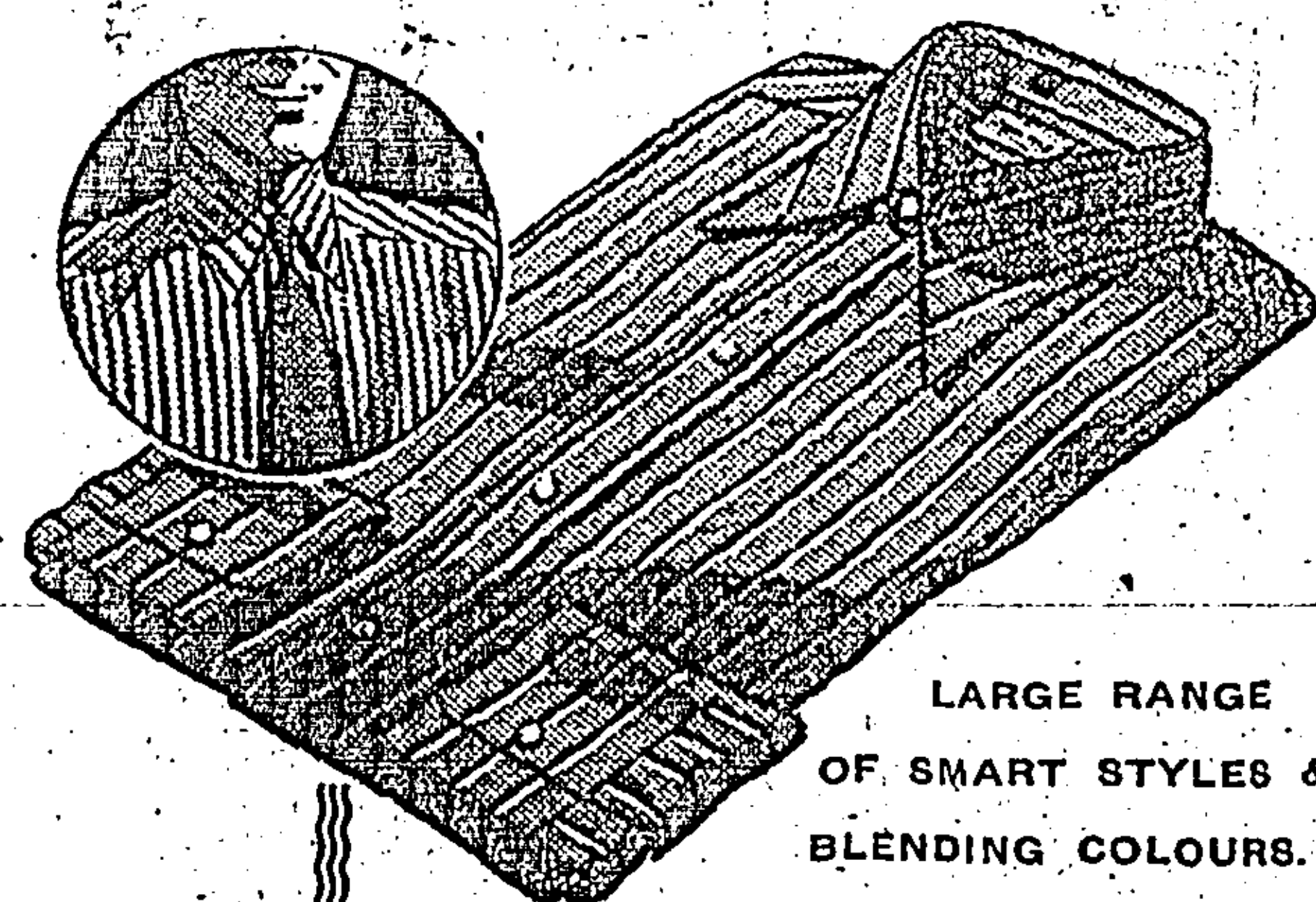
The Cottage Club turned out in force last Saturday for the Ride and Bar-B-Q that followed. Here are some of the members just before the ride. Left to right, W. O'Neill, Jock Fraser, Jill Beavis, Jack Carkeet, Christine Wyatt, Frank Bondfield and Captain A. G. Atkinson. (Kahn).



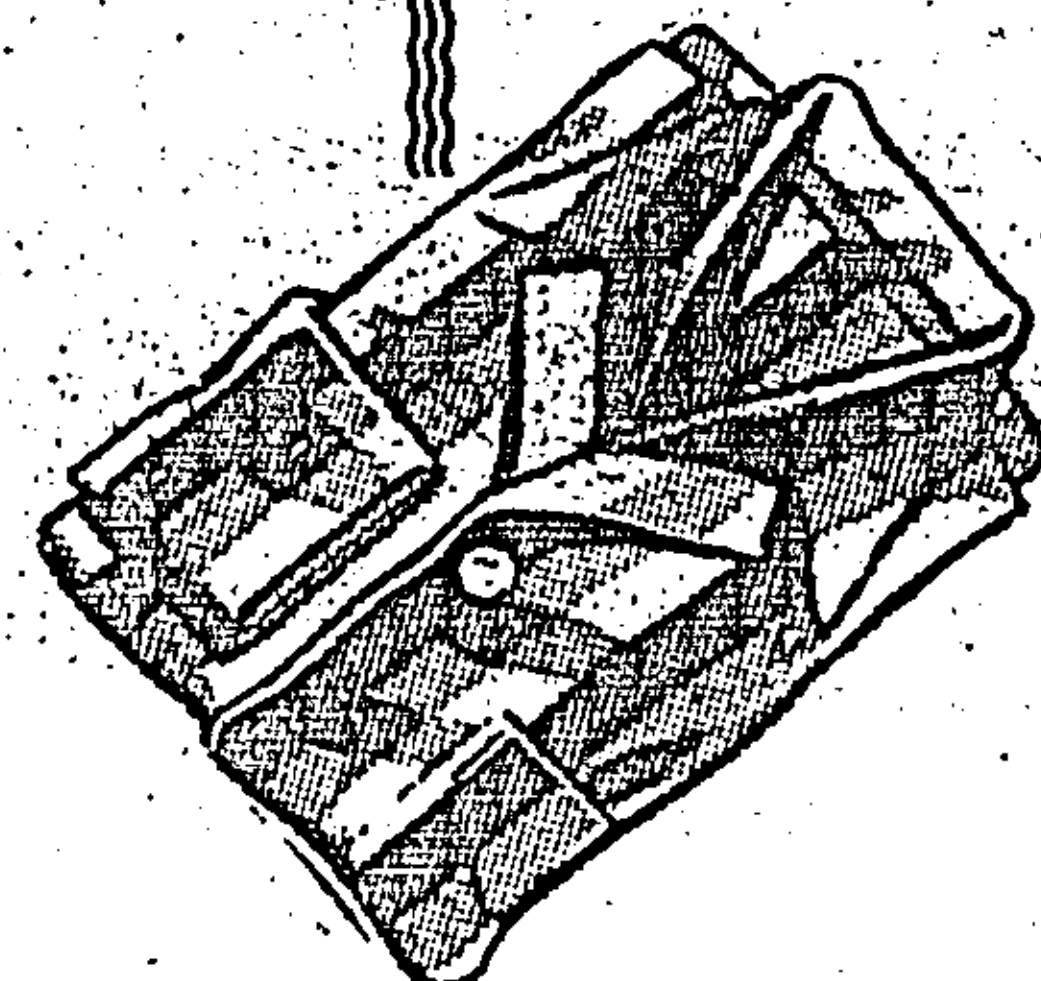
Mrs. M. Harmon, Mr. Bond, J. S. Logan and Miss Kiki de Chaffoy at the Cottage Club last Saturday. (Kahn).



Another party at the Cottage Club ride. Left to right, Mr. Peter Wong and a friend, Miss Jill Beavis, W. O'Neill, Paul Calderara and John Egger. (Kahn).



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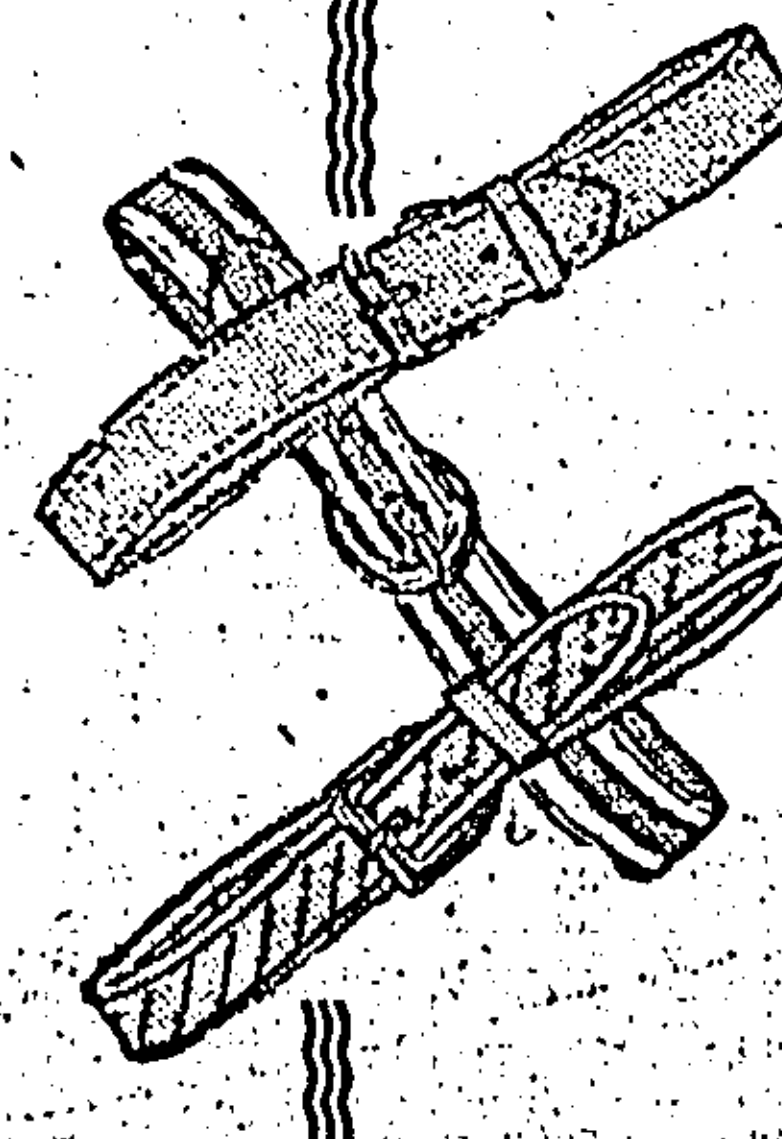


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SHORT STORY

Daphne's Dilemma By Eve Chaucer

DAPHNE had been two years in Macpherson's Store and, now she was in charge of the haberdashery counter. She had two girls under her orders, Mary Pearson and Jean Gray, but she saw little of either girl outside the store. She and Evelyn Patterson spent all their spare time together.

Evelyn was 25, slim and beautiful. Daphne was quite accustomed to playing gooseberry when they went to the pictures or to a dance. Evelyn always had the boys round her. Sometimes Daphne felt a little jealous. It seemed so unfair that Evelyn should have all the attention, but lately things had been a bit better. Ever since Christmas Daphne's thoughts had been busy with a young man of her own.

She first noticed him during the rush hour on Christmas Eve. He stood quite patiently while she attended to the wants of two elderly women. At Christmas the haberdashery counter had a specially good show of attractive fancy goods. Sewing hussies, with coloured zip-fasteners, shoe-bags embroidered in gay colours, con-hangers neatly packed in a box of six.

When the two old ladies finally picked up their parcels and toddled off Daphne smiled at him apologetically.

"I'm so sorry to have kept you waiting," she said. "What can I do for you?"

Their eyes met and Daphne's heart missed a beat. He was certainly very attractive with his wavy brown hair and long-lashed blue eyes. He had the fresh complexion of a healthy man who spends his free time in the open air.

"If you aren't too busy," he said, "I'd be very grateful if you'd help me choose a few presents. I've such a lot of aunts."

Daphne smiled at him a bit experimentally and was pleased when he didn't seize the opportunity to become "fresh." They spent quite ten happy minutes in

choosing half a dozen small gifts. She thought he would have liked to talk to her for longer.

Daphne could hardly wait to tell Evelyn all about her adventure, but, as it turned out, the two friends did not manage to have a proper talk until after the New Year, for Evelyn went away with a young friend of hers to Brighton, where she caught influenza and had to stay in bed; thereby achieving an extra five days' holiday.

When at last they met Daphne had seen the young man again, but always in the store. He had returned first on New Year's Eve to thank her for having chosen such nice presents, and again on New Year's Eve Day, when he brought her a book.

Daphne was a little disappointed that Evelyn would not be able to see him, but their two departments were on different floors; and she was reluctant to make the first advance and ask him to tea at her home. Evelyn soon realised that Daphne had fallen pretty heavily for this apparently fascinating stranger.

"Don't worry, dear," she consoled her friend, "I see him fast enough. By next week he'll ask you to go to the pictures and then you can do the shy trick and say you can't go out with him alone the first time. Then I'll bring Cecil or Peter and we'll have a foursome."

Sure enough, the following Monday the young man appeared again at the haberdashery counter just as Daphne was preparing to go to lunch. He wanted, it appeared, a few pearl buttons. Daphne sent her two assistants away to the canteen, and bore, with as much good humour as she could, their sly nudges as they giggled their way round the counter. The store had been empty all the morning. It was January and cold, with a biting east wind, but in the store it was warm.

Daphne was glad she had put on her new dress. It was a dull

black satin, and with fine silk stockings and suede shoes was a present from a rich uncle who had a farm in New Zealand. It suited her to perfection. Evelyn had helped her to choose it in the Small Sizes department during the sale.

The young man gave a great deal of attention to the selection of his shirt buttons, then he led the conversation easily to himself. His name was John Greening, he told her, and he had some sort of job in the Home Office. He had been ill recently, so he was using the remains of his sick leave to put in a bit of work for an examination.

That explains why he can pop round here at all sorts of hours, Daphne thought; but he sounds respectable all right.

"Yes," she said, smiling in answer to his question. "I'd love to go out with you to a dance on Saturday, but don't you think it would be better to join up with another couple? I've got a great friend, Evelyn Patterson, in the Small Sizes, and she can easily bring one of her boy friends."

Mr. Greening nodded. "An excellent idea," he said thoughtfully, and Daphne got the impression that for some reason he was not pleased with the suggestion. It gave her a little uneasy feeling that he was not so straightforward as he looked.

"It would be more fun to have someone outside your work, wouldn't it?" he suggested. "You want to get away from the store sometimes, you know. Perhaps I could find someone?"

They left it that Daphne should ask Evelyn and if the latter could not come John should find a friend of his who would bring a girl. He would call in, he said, on the following Wednesday to hear what he was to do.

When the girls met that evening, much to Daphne's disgust, Evelyn said that she was already booked up ten deep; and when Daphne began to talk over their plans for the week following the other girl was oddly elusive. After a few minutes she dropped the subject. Evidently Evelyn had no intention of letting her friend into her secrets this time. Trying not to be both hurt and curious was a stiff job, for hitherto the girls had talked over their affairs without any reserve; but she soon forgot it for Evelyn began talking about a conversation she had had with one of the departmental managers that afternoon. It appeared that goods were disappearing from the Small Sizes Department, the Hats and Gloves and Stockings. It was not the petty pilfering of an inexperienced shop-lifter, but organised and systematic theft on a large scale. The managers were worried.

It was at the dance on the following Saturday that Daphne knew that she loved John Greening, and by the end of the evening she was sure he returned her feelings. The couple he had brought with him tactfully disappeared after the first extra and did not reappear until the band was playing "God Save the King."

By that time Daphne was wondering how soon he would ask her to marry him, and planning the arrangement of the furniture in the little house they would have in the suburbs. She decided that he was the best-looking man she had ever seen and by far the most intelligent. She went home to bed in the early hours of the morning with her brain in a whirl, and happy smile hovered round her mouth all the following day until, at nine o'clock, after a quick dinner, she hurried round to the rooms where Evelyn lived. Evelyn must be the first to hear all about it.

A street lamp stood outside the door of the house where her friend had rooms. In its light Daphne could see Evelyn's tall figure standing on the pavement talking to a man. Daphne hurried on. She had been afraid that Evelyn might be out for the evening. When she was within a hundred yards of the couple Daphne slackened her steps. They appeared to be deep in talk and, as she watched, Evelyn laid her hand affectionately on the man's shoulder. He swung round and kissed her. As he turned and walked rapidly away Daphne saw his face. It was Mr. John Greening. For the next few days Daphne worked like an automaton. Only

a brief stab of pain roused her for a moment when she saw Evelyn or found John's face smiling at her over the counter. Something must be done—but what? At last she made a plan.

On Thursday she arranged with Jean to exchange lunch hours, and managed, by having a word with one of the canteen staff, to keep a seat at the table where Evelyn usually ate. She waited until she saw the older girl go into the dining-room, her beautiful head bent as if in deep thought.

"Yes," thought Daphne, bitterly, as she followed her, "it's easy for her. She's only to lift her finger and they follow her like sheep. She might have left John alone at least; but I'm not going to give him up without a fight. If I talk to her..."

Evelyn was only too ready to talk, and Daphne found herself in her usual role of listener. Lunch was nearly over before she discovered that on Saturday afternoon Evelyn intended to wash her hair in preparation for a dance. That was all that Daphne wanted to know. She had no intention of allowing the older girl to guess that she wanted to have a private talk with her until she had her cornered, for she was afraid that Evelyn might make some excuse to put her off.

Friday, dragged by. The customs seemed to be more annoying than when she had ever known them. Just when she was preparing to leave a messenger came along and asked her to go to the floor manager.

Wearily Daphne walked to his office. He was a thin, dark man, shy of the girl assistants, but always polite and considerate. He was known by the girls as "Weary Willie."

"Er... er... Miss Killigrew," he said, "I wonder if you can help us. We... er... know that goods are being stolen from this store. It is true that most of the losses are on the next floor, but we are asking all our assistants to cooperate. He paused and looked hopefully.

Daphne looked puzzled. "Of course...," she began. "I'll do anything I can..."

"Well... er...," "Weary Willie" played nervously with a ruler on his desk. "Er... have you any suspicions... I mean your girls... None of them unusually flush with money?"

A horrible suspicion struck her. Surely they could not suspect her? That cheque she had had at Christmas, her new dress and shoes. As she stood in front of him her colour deepened. She felt like a trapped animal which snarls when it blunders into the teeth of a hidden trap.

Her eyes sparkled with anger. Like most quiet people, Daphne was not often roused, but when she was her temper was quick to flame.

"If you think I've taken them you're mistaken," she said sharply. "I wouldn't demean myself, and I think you might have asked me straight out instead of hinting." She stopped and bit her lip as "Weary Willie" held up his hand for silence.

"My... er... my dear Miss Killigrew," he said quickly, "such a thought never entered my head... I am merely asking for your help... that you will... er... report anything that you see."

Daphne's hot blush subsided and with it went a little of her anger. She began to feel slightly ashamed of her too hasty decision.

"I'm sorry," she said dully. "I'm not feeling very well this evening. I'm afraid I lost my temper."

"Quite all right," he reassured her quickly. "But you mustn't jump to conclusions... er... my dear Miss Killigrew... It was really about someone quite different I wanted to ask you. You have a red-haired girl called Jean Gray on your counter. As far as you know she is... er... quite all right, I suppose?"

Daphne laughed. "She's so honest she wouldn't touch a pin," she said. "I'd as soon suspect myself."

"Ah! 'Weary Willie' seemed to meditate. That is... er... very satisfactory... but... er... I mean to say, have you any grounds for that belief?"

Daphne opened her mouth and then shut it again. What did she really know of Jean's affairs? Only what John himself told her.

"I just know she's all right," she said doggedly, "but I'll watch, if you like."

Better, she thought, that she should watch than that they should put a spy on to follow the girl.

"Weary Willie's" lugubrious face brightened.

"That's... er... splendid," he said. "Perhaps you'll report again to me next week?"

What with the anxiety of watching to see that Jean did nothing that could be construed as suspect by the most suspicious mind, attending to her customers, and trying at the same time to rehearse the interview she intended to have with Evelyn that afternoon, Saturday morning passed in a whirl, and it was with a beating heart that Daphne changed after her luncheon and walked round to Evelyn's rooms.

The landlady opened the door. "Miss Patterson's not in yet," she said, "but she's only gone round the corner to fetch some crumpets to 'er tea and then she's a-going to wash 'er pretty 'ead. Come in and wait, dearie. It's bitter cold outside. You'll find a nice bit of fire in 'er room."

Daphne smiled and thanked her as she started to climb the stairs to the first floor where Evelyn had a bed-sitting room. It was a large old-fashioned room, with a tiny dressing room off it, big enough to contain a gas ring and bath. The room was well furnished, for Evelyn had brought in some of her own things. Though she never talked much about her parents or her background, Daphne thought that she had a bit of money of her own.

The curtains were drawn and the fire burned merrily. Daphne took off her gloves and warned her hands while her gaze roved round the room. On the bed was a pile of something covered with an old counterpane. Hardly thinking what she was doing, Daphne lifted one corner of the cloth to see what was under it.

On the bed lay a collection of clothes, stockings, gloves, hats and handbags. Some of the tickets were still pinned on the hem of the dresses. "Macpherson's Store" they read. "5½ gns."

Daphne dropped the corner of the sheet as if it had stung her. What was Evelyn doing with all these things? "Dresses, gloves, and stockings, hats," she remembered the conversation with "Weary Willie" the night before. It was impossible. It was dreadful, disloyal... Evelyn could not possibly... She buried her face in her hands and wept.

When Evelyn came in a few moments later she had partially recovered herself and a dull misery had taken the place of her first indignant horror. After all, if Evelyn could steal her friend's young man, why should she stop at that?

"I've seen the things," she pointed to the bed and tears filled her eyes again. "Oh, Evelyn!"

Evelyn looked at her quite quietly and put down the bag of crumpets. Then she took off her hat and smoothed the shining waves of her hair.

"What things?" she asked. "Oh, you know... I've pretended you are such a little innocent—?" Daphne spoke almost angrily.

Evelyn's fine eyebrows went up. "Pretend?" she said. "Will you explain?"

"Yes!" Daphne said. "I'll explain. But first I want to ask you a question. Why did you kiss John Greening outside this door the other night? You know that I was kept on him and after that dance I thought he'd ask me to marry him... He kissed me, and then you came along and took him away... Her voice rose to a wail. "Why do you want him?" she cried. "Haven't you got enough men of your own?"

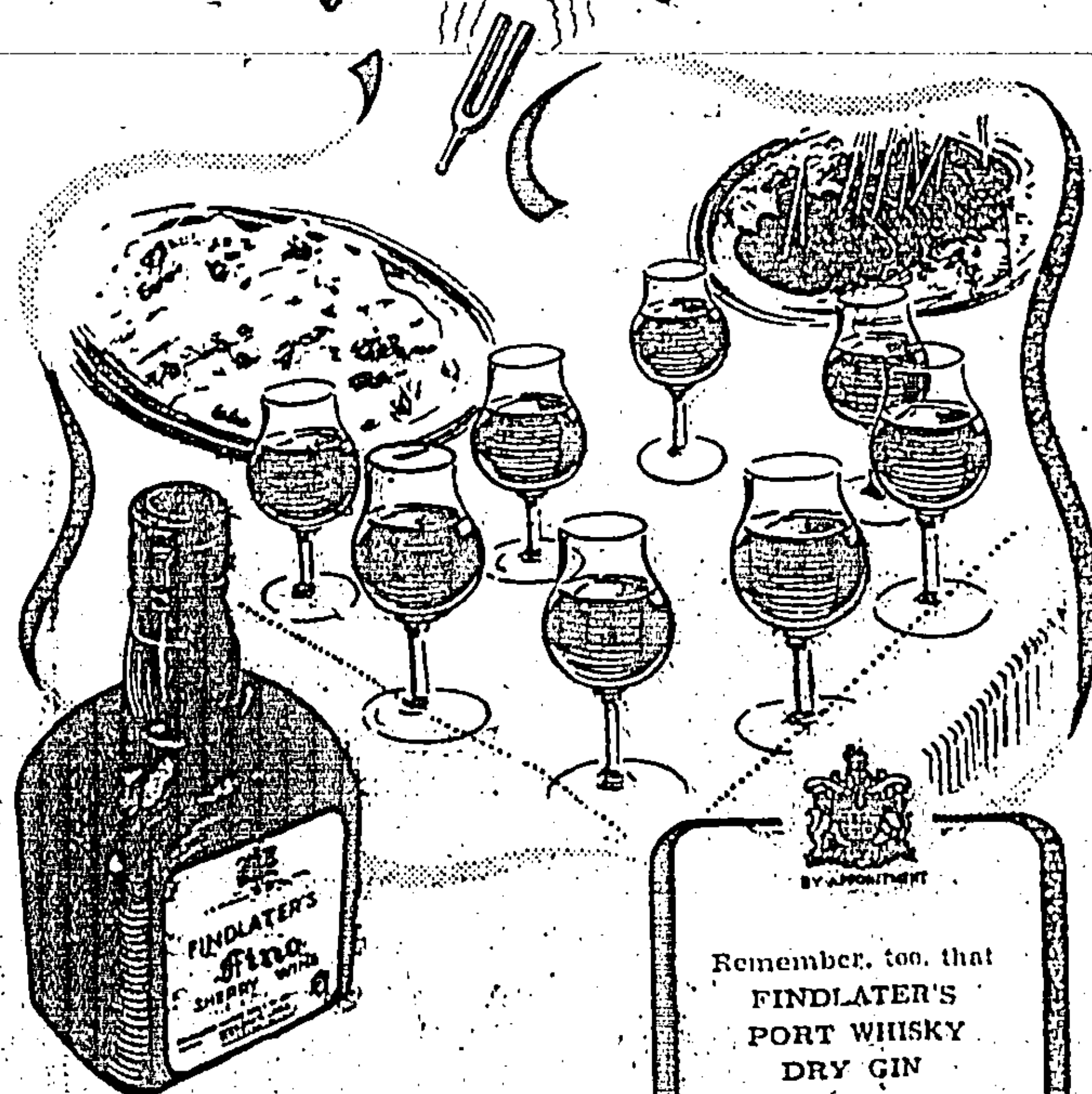
She pointed to the bed. "You can't deny those clothes are the ones that have been stolen from Macpherson's, and they're suspecting poor Jean. I suppose John helps you to steal a common thief—just like you!"

Her voice broke and with a little moan she slipped down on her knees by the chair and wept despairingly.

So deeply was she immersed in woe that she did not hear the door open. John Greening came into the room. He glanced quickly at Evelyn and without making

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Nazi Persecution Of The Jews

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a sound she slipped quietly into the bathroom. Daphne, her face buried in her hands, still sobbed in broken-hearted despair.

John looked at her. His eyes were very tender. Then he bent down and lifted her up until she was lying in his arms, her face buried in a big silk handkerchief. About a minute, he said "Now suppose you tell me what you're crying about?"

Daphne blinked at him. Somehow it did not seem at all strange to be sitting on his lap having her eyes mopped dry while he looked at her with twinkling blue eyes. "I've found out," she said tremulously. "I've found out that you and Evelyn are thieves! And I saw you kiss her," she added, and gulped down a sob.

John put back his head and laughed. Laughed until Daphne began to think he must be mad.

"Silly little thing!" he said at last. "It's my job to find those clothes. I'm the new store detective . . . they had to get me in when the thefts got too bad. Evelyn was helping me."

"Evelyn . . ." Daphne repeated. "Why does she help you?"

John bent down, his mouth very close to hers. Their faces were so near that Daphne could see little reflections of herself in each of his eyes.

"Evelyn," he said softly, "is my half-sister. Some day she'll be yours too."

of April 21, 1939, which made illegal the defamation of Jews in France, and many other anti-Jewish moves made by Marshal Petain's Ministers, have produced a counter-movement in French Labour circles, which has for its aim the combating of Nazism, Fascism and anti-Semitism.

The leaders of the new movement have already issued secret leaflets warning the French people that the pillars of the Vichy Government, and not the Ministers who are on trial at Riom, are responsible for the humiliation suffered by France. The leaflets characterised the Riom trial as a second Dreyfus case and appealed to the French people to reject Nazi and anti-Semitic principles. The discovery of these secret leaflets in occupied France has already led to numerous arrests of Frenchmen and Jews.

The persecution of the Jews by the Nazis in the Low Countries appears to be increasing in proportion to the resistance offered by the local populations to the regime introduced there by the invaders. All acts of sabotage of Nazi orders are attributed by the authorities to the secret influence of Jews. Accordingly, the Nazi rulers are pouring their wrath on Jews and are constantly inventing measures to segregate non-Jews from Jews and to sow discord between them.

In Luxembourg, ten yellow seats labelled "for Jews only" have been placed in a remote corner of the city park and even those ghetto seats can only be used by the Jews for one hour daily, from 6 to 7 a.m. The local Jewish soup kitchen has also been ordered to distribute its meals to the needy at 6 a.m. The excuse is that the rush of Jews to obtain free food during the day is obstructing city traffic.

In Holland, the Nazis have announced that no ration cards will be issued to Jews to obtain new clothes, underwear and footwear.

The Nazi authorities in Amsterdam have also ordered the important restaurants and cafes to display notices that Jewish customers are not desired by them.

Most characteristic, however, has been the Nazi effort to discredit Queen Wilhelmina in the eyes of the Dutch people in connection with her Majesty's sixtieth birthday. Fearing loyal demonstrations in honour of the beloved Queen the Nazis have distributed pamphlets alleging that the Dutch Dynasty originates from a Jewish family from Spain, which settled in Holland after the Spanish Inquisition. The Dutch people, however, treated the Nazi "revelations" concerning their Queen with the contempt they deserved.

In Belgium, Jews have been banned from the re-opened Stock Exchanges.

Norway Confiscations

The impression produced in Norway by the presentation to the country of the German bill of £10,000,000 for the expenses of the Nazi army of occupation has been of a nature which even the invaders and the Norwegian Quislings could not ignore.

Accordingly, they set to work to try and soften the blow by endeavouring to persuade the population that in reality a large part

of the bill would be paid by the Jews in Norway and by the Norwegians who had fled with King Haakon to Britain. This process, they declared, is to be accomplished by the seizure of the property of the Norwegian refugees and by the confiscation of 80 per cent. of the property of the Jews by the end of the current year.

The Norwegian people, however, have not been deceived, fully realising that whatever construction was put upon the methods for raising the sum demanded by the Nazis their bill involved a loss to the country of £10,000,000.

Restrictions In Germany

The Government Food Department in Germany has forbidden Jew to purchase fruit without special permits. This restriction is a severe blow to the Jews in

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view of the great use made by them of unrationed fruit as a substitute for rationed articles of food, which they experience great difficulty in obtaining. In future, however, fruit, too, will be rationed for the Jews.

The Government has also announced that from September 1, Jews in Germany will not be allowed to remain telephone subscribers.

Exceptions will only be made in the case of Jewish communal offices, Jewish clinics, Jewish doctors and lawyers allowed to practice among Jews and Jewish citizens of Soviet Russia, U.S.A. and

the Latin American States, who are able to furnish to the authorities certificates of respectability from their Consulates.

Arrests Of Polish Jews

The Gestapo authorities in Poland have lately been displaying great anxiety about the rapid dissemination of news items broadcast from London to the people throughout the Nazi zone of Poland. They have therefore carried out numerous raids in various towns and a considerable number of Jews have been arrested on charges of listening in to the London broadcasts and of informing the population about them.

Labour Leaders Warning

The action of the Vichy Government in abrogating the decree



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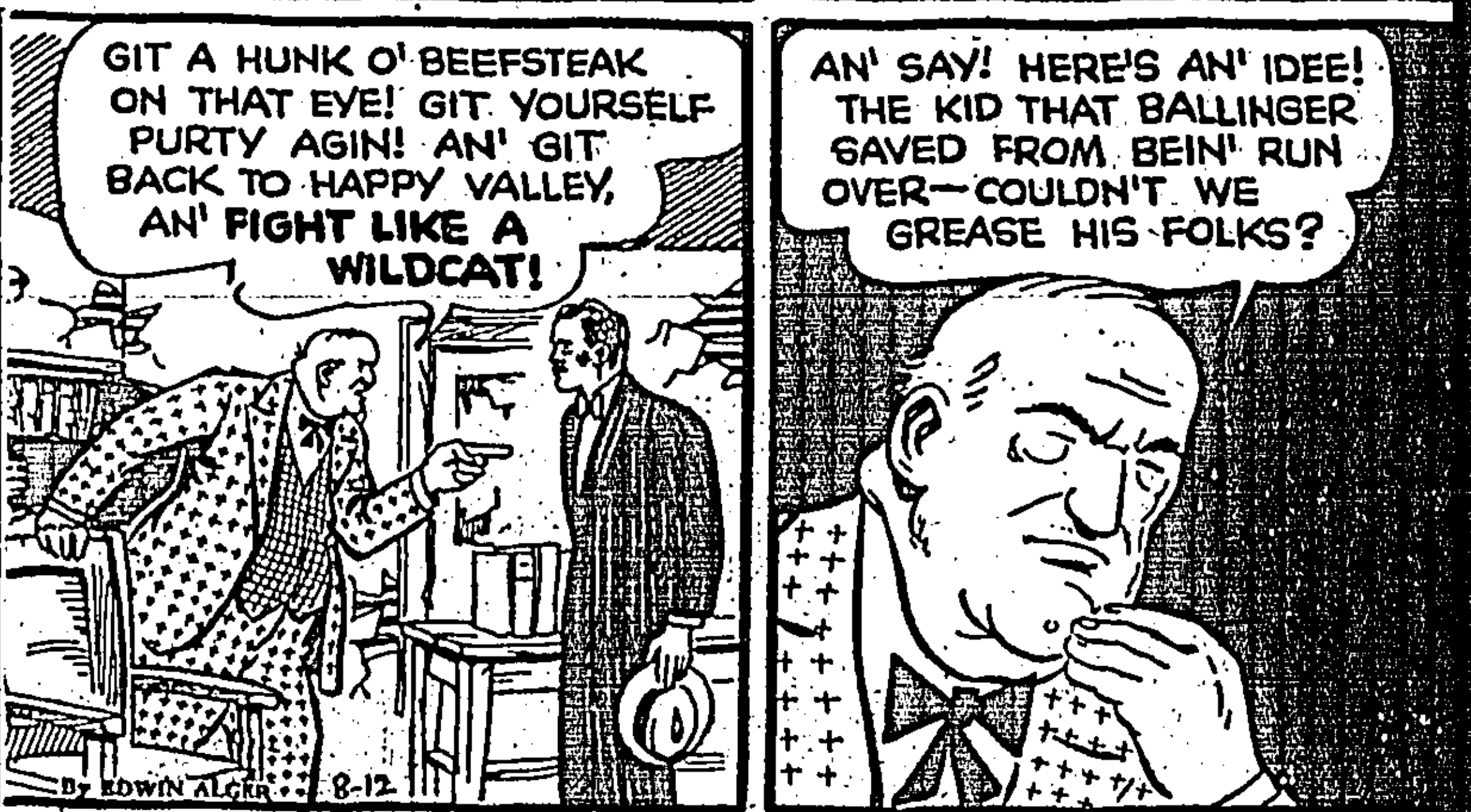
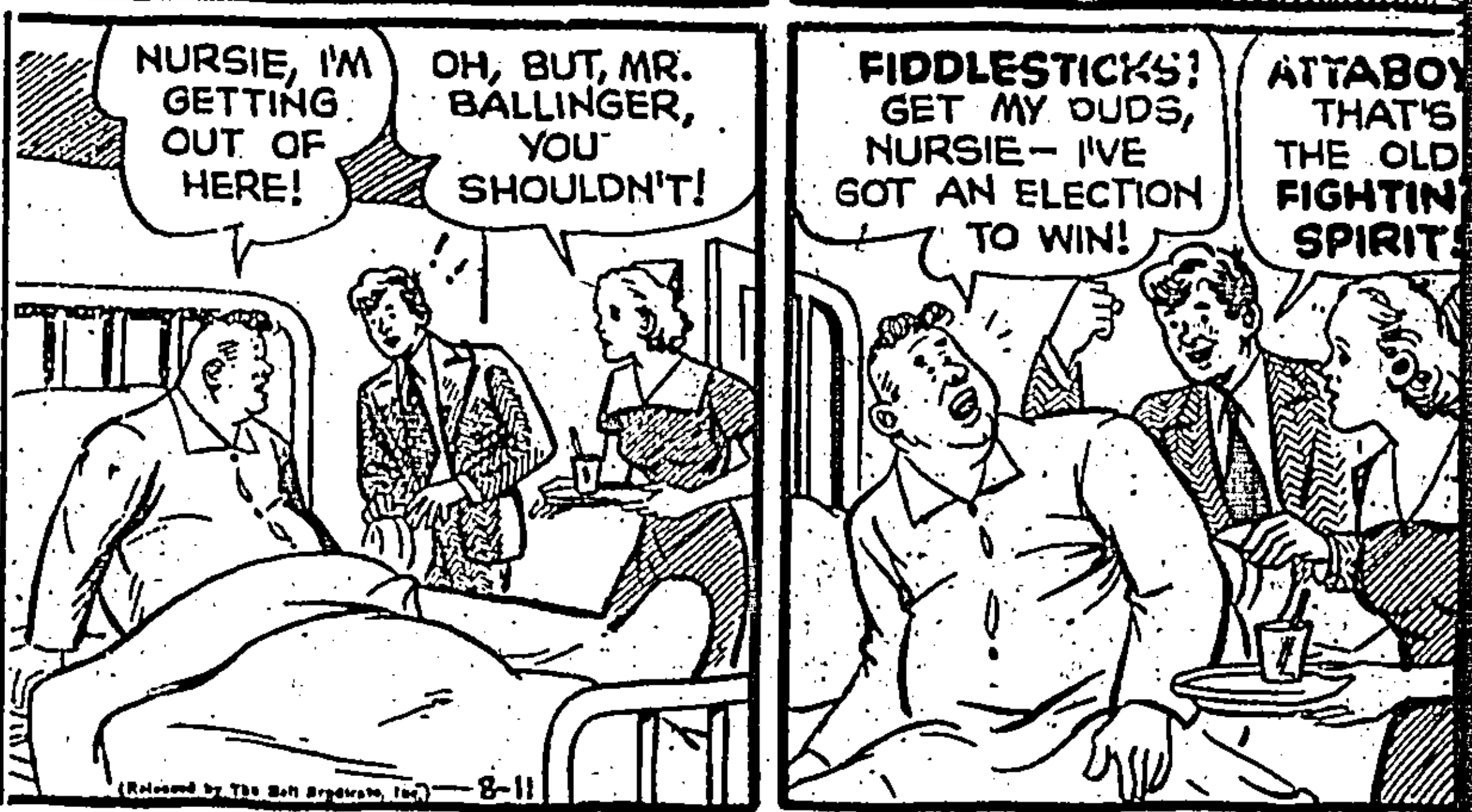
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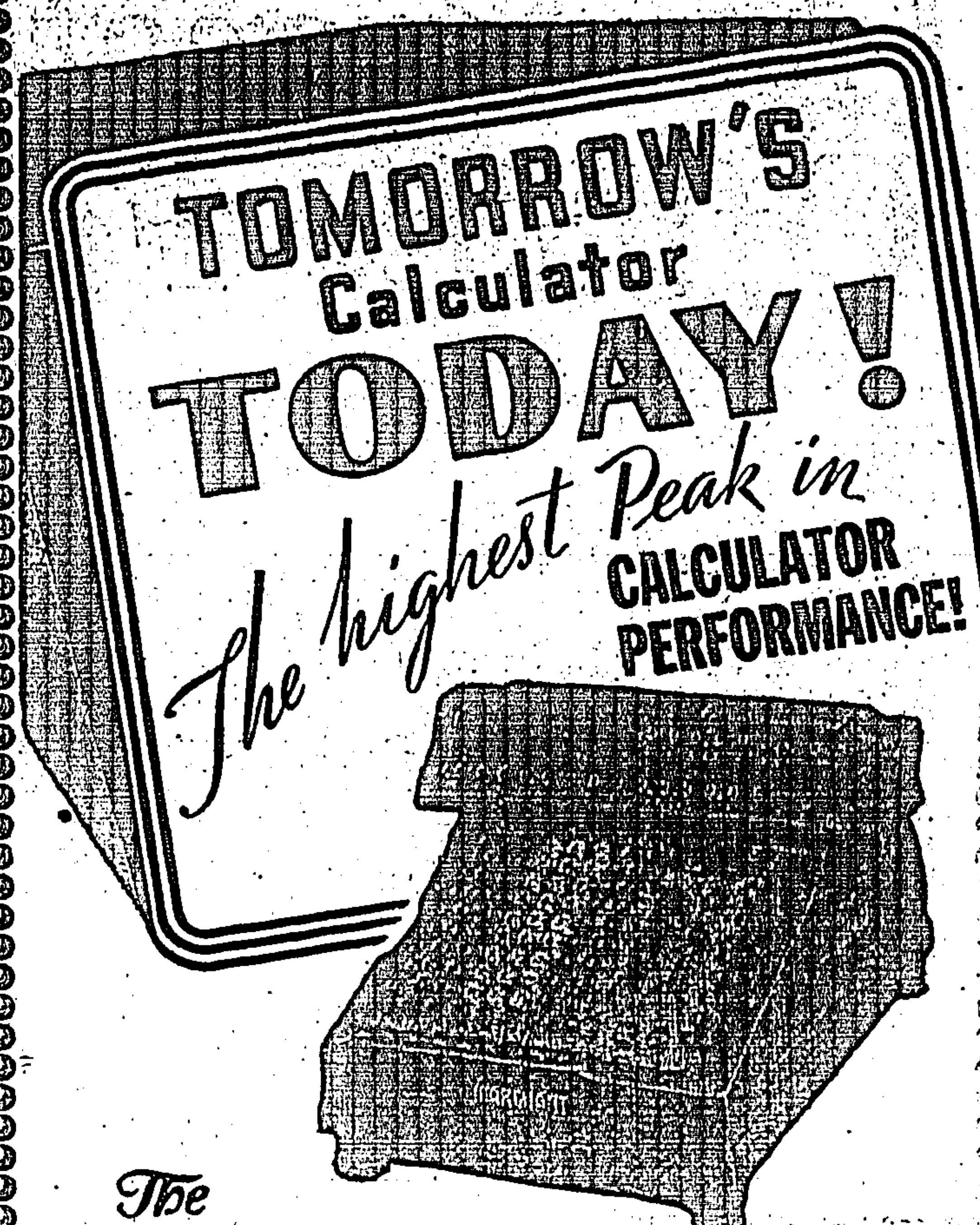
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The Strength & Weakness Of The French Air Force

LET us go back in thought to the month of August, 1939. Public opinion was then trying to foresee how the Allied armies would react when faced by the German forces. People said: the weak point will be the French Air Force.

Events have not confirmed this forecast. It is not the German planes which have conquered France, it is the mechanised and armoured divisions. It is not the weakness of the French Air Force which has astonished the world, but the weakness of the French land forces.

The weaknesses of our strategic and tactical conceptions, the archaic character of our armaments, the insufficiency of training and above all the lack of creative imagination on the part of our General Staffs have been brought to light on land, rather than in the air.

Following this general observation, we must explain the

strength and the weakness of the French Air Force.

Everywhere where it was in action in more or less normal conditions, the French Air Force showed itself superior to the German Air Force. This superiority arose from two causes: the worth of the men and the quality of the material.

The worth of the men is undeniable. On the whole, French airmen had a better moulding and better training than the German airmen. We must praise not only their courage but their technical and military value. The crews were excellent, the young officers did wonders. If we except the High Command (which was distinctly beneath its task) the chiefs, from General Tetu down to the squadron leaders, were well up to their job.

Similarly, the material in service at the beginning of the war was of good quality. The Potez 63 and the Morane 405, without mentioning the American machines, did excellent work. More easily manoeuvrable than the German planes, they enabled our airmen to carry out their missions.

So much for the qualities, but let us consider the defects.

The French Air Force suffered from insufficiency in two directions.

First, the insufficiency of French anti-aircraft defence. Most of the airfields were not sufficiently protected against enemy air attack. The same state of things applied in the case of French factories, towns, bridges and railway stations. We lacked anti-aircraft artillery.

This resulted in two weaknesses for our Air Force: at the airfields we lost far too many planes on the ground and in the land battles against the armoured units or the German columns our Air Force, hindered by the excellent German defence, could not take part as effectively as did the German Air Force against our own troops.

Secondly, our Air Force was a great deal smaller than the German Air Force. Undoubtedly France had the right to count on the support of the R.A.F. This support was given generously. It exceeded the anticipations of the General Staffs, and all Frenchmen are grateful for the admirable efforts of the British airmen in defending French towns and French troops. But in the whole French military machine, the Air Force, like the tanks, represented too small a part.

Let us seek the causes of this double inferiority.

As always in France, an effort has been made to fix the responsibility politically. The French

always try to find scapegoats. The fault, it was said, lies with the Ministers of Air... including the author of this article — and with the Popular Front.

The truth is otherwise. At the root of our inferiority in the air, there is an error of military conception. We did not have more planes, just as we did not have more tanks, because for too long a period our important military leaders believed neither in the Air Force nor in tanks.

The obvious proof of this error of conception is provided by the insufficiency of French anti-aircraft defence. This anti-aircraft defence (and in particular anti-

aircraft artillery) was the province not of the Air Ministry, but of the Ministry of War.

If our chiefs of the General Staff had believed in the Air Force, they would have taken measures to defend their troops and territory against aerial attack by the enemy. They failed to do this because they did not believe in the Air Force. Further, in December 1936, the Air Ministry submitted to the Higher War Committee a plan providing that the anti-aircraft defence services should be doubled. The Committee considered that there was no need to take this plan into consideration.

But let us leave anti-aircraft defence and come to the Air Force properly so called.

It was not until 1938, that is to say, too late, that the French General Staff appears to have realised the importance of the Air Force. Up to this time, it had invariably preferred to devote to the land forces and to the Maginot Line the credits voted by Parliament. The following facts show this.

(1) The French Air Force was created in April 1933. Before this date, France had only a co-operative air arm, an auxiliary force attached to the land forces. The creation of the Air Force was decided upon against the advice of the Chief of the General Staff, who was then General Weygand.

(2) In June 1936, the plan for organising the Air Force, drawn up by the military authorities, provided for a force of 1,000 first-line planes with 20 per cent. in reserve, making a total of 1,200 machines. This plan was only carried out to half its extent. By August of that year, in reply to the German effort, we had adopted a plan for 1,300 first-line planes with 40 per cent. in reserve, that is a total of 2,400 planes to be built in three years. In addition, in December 1936, the Ministry of Air laid a proposal before the Higher War Committee to double this plan (and to double the anti-aircraft artillery). By a decision of January 1937, the Higher War Committee refused to consider this increase of the Air Force. It was not until the spring of 1938 that the scheme could be taken up again.

(3) In August 1937, the Ministry of Air had its requests for credits cut by 20 per cent. by the Ministry of Finance.

We could quote other instances. But these are sufficient to show that up to 1938 nothing considerable or in earnest was undertaken to reply to the German air effort, and that, despite the efforts and the requests of the Air Ministry.

Two observations will complete this impression:

First, in 1936 and 1937, the credits granted for the Air Force were less than £50,000,000. These credits represented 18 per cent. of the whole credits allotted to National Defence. During this same period, the credits granted to the British Air Force were between two and three times higher, and those granted to the German Air Force were probably five times higher. It was only in 1938 and 1939 that the credits granted to the French Air Ministry were increased and brought up to about £200,000,000. It will be seen how unjust it would be to hold the Air Ministers of 1936 and 1937 responsible for a state of affairs against which they themselves unrelentingly protested.

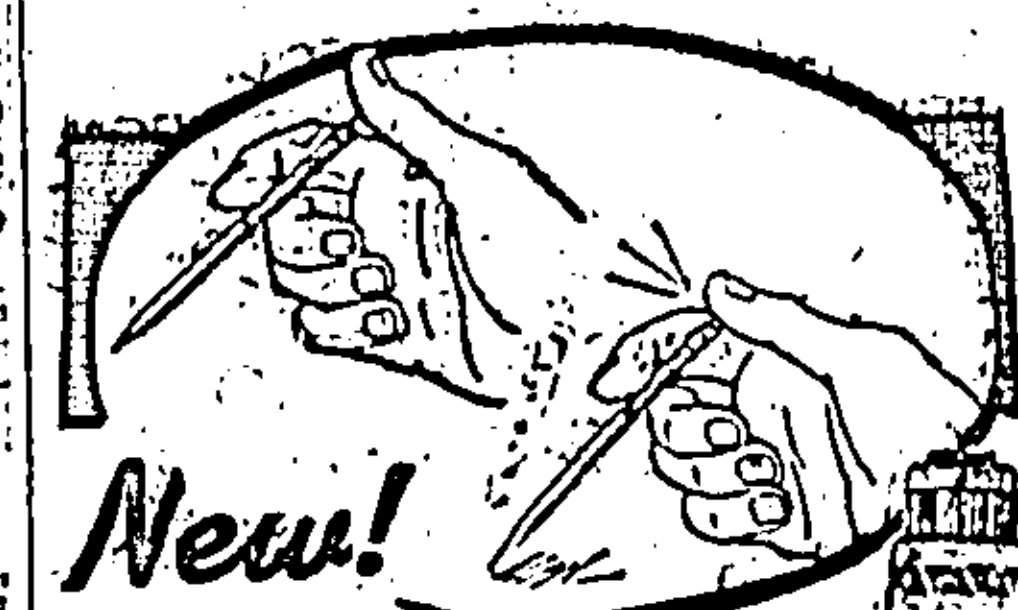
Secondly, at the end of 1936, the French Air Ministry created groups of Air Infantry (parachutists). These troops, admirably trained by a most competent officer, played a successful part in the manoeuvres of 1937. In spite of this, in 1939 the credits necessary for their maintenance were withdrawn, the greatest of our military leaders having said that these were merely circus stunts! The German use of parachutists has proved what the conceptions of our important military leaders were worth where the Air Force was concerned.

In reality, with insufficient means, the French Air Ministry built up a good Air Force. It was not the fault of the Air Ministry, nor that of its leaders, if the Ministry of National Defence and War, on the one hand, and the Chief of the General Staff, on the other hand, refused from 1936 to 1938 to believe in the Air Force, from 1936 to 1939 to make a sufficient effort in anti-aircraft defence, and from 1938 to 1940 to believe in parachute troops.

All French authorities bear their part of responsibility in the French debacle. But the heaviest responsibility remains that of military chiefs who were too old, who prepared for a war on the lines of 1918, instead of boldly adopting those modern armaments, the aeroplane and the tank, on which our enemies built up their Army and based their strategy.

Let us hope that in the future, chiefs who are young and worthy of the French people and French

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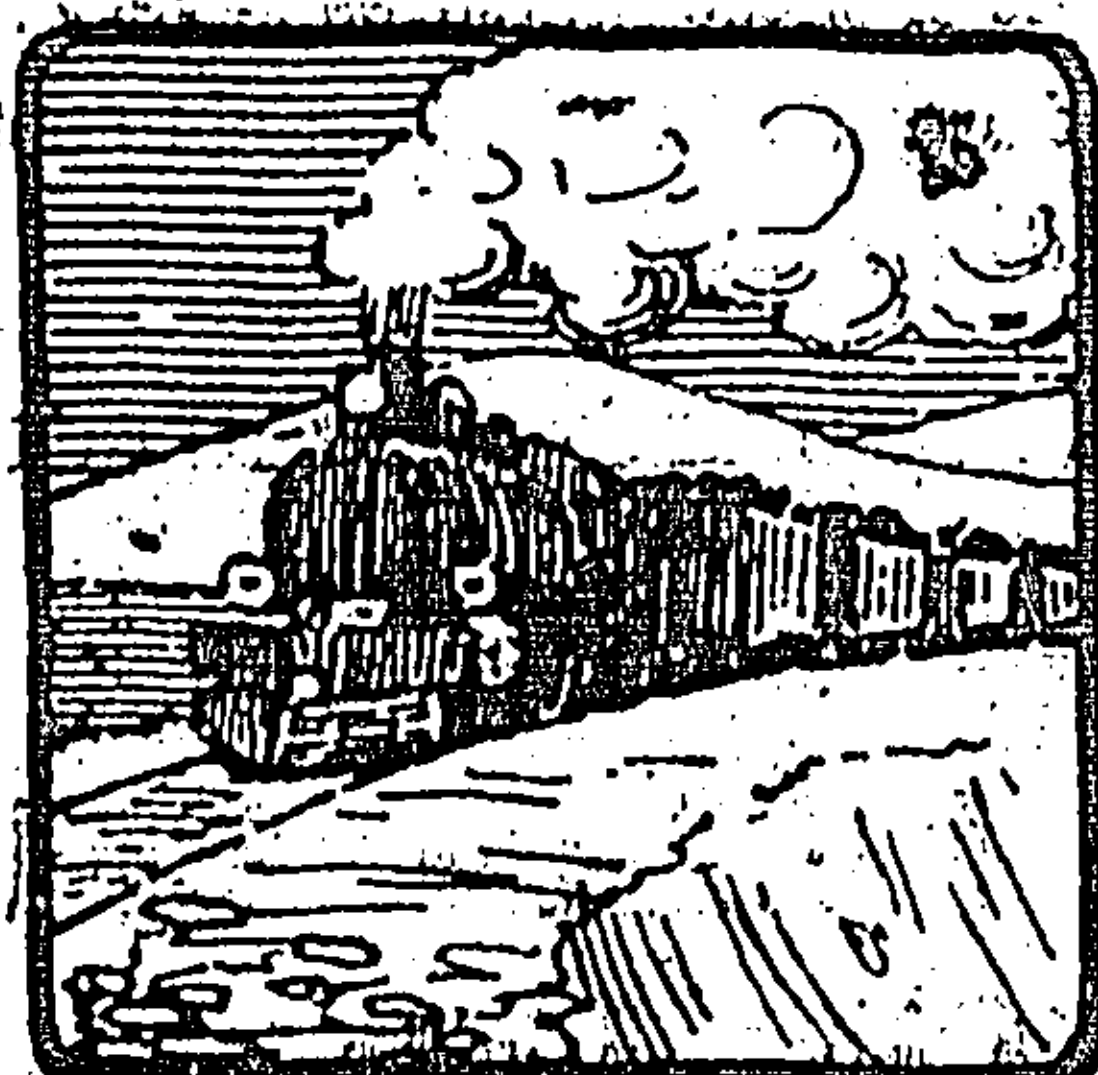
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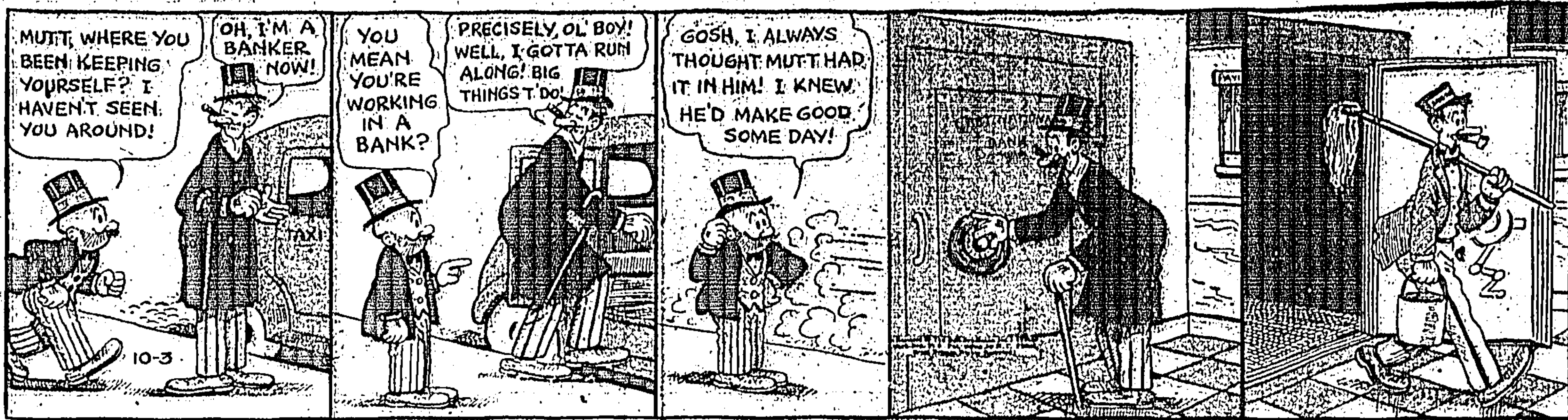
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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Lustre To Fading Hair

AFTER thirty-five, the majority of women experience fading hair and possibly graying hair. They may have neglected their scalp, or they may not. No scientist has yet been able to tell us why some women's hair fades more quickly than others. There are many guesses on the subject but the fact remains that there seems little we can do to prevent our hair from turning gray. But we can keep fading hair looking alive and lustrous by pampering it daily with sensible care.

Dry scalps, which usually accompany fading or graying hair, respond willingly to oil. Lots of oil. Oil soaks the night before a shampoo, hot oil shampoos in a salon, and an oil pomade rubbed on curled ends after a setting. Also use an oil liquid shampoo—not a drying one. Between shampoos it is a good idea to rub on the scalp sparingly, a little lubricating ointment or a special tonic mixed for your particular hair condition. At no time should your hair look oily, nor should it look dry and faded.



Various Rinses

Blondes or redheads may use a camomile rinse to get a sunny lustre. This is done by steeping one cupful of camomile flowers (purchased at a reputable drug-store) in a quart of boiling water. Strain the mixture and put it on the hair after a thorough shampoo and rinsing. Comb it through the hair evenly and let it remain until next washing.

A lemon rinse, as most of you know, is used to brighten and fluff light hair. The usual mixture is the juice of a large lemon in a quart of warm water. This also is applied after a thorough soap shampoo and several clear water rinsings. Allow it to remain on the hair a few minutes and then rinse it off with clear warm water.

Brunettes and mousey-haired women may use a vinegar rinse to soften the hair and give it a becoming sheen. Four tablespoons of vinegar in a quart of warm water run through the hair and then rinsed off with fresh warm water, does the trick.

Whitening Yellowed Gray Hair

If your hair is light gray or near white, and if the ends are turning yellow, you may bleach it slightly by adding a little hair-rinsing bluing to the last clear water rinse. There is also a tone available which when used daily, gradually whitens hair that has taken a long time turning. It is available at most good cosmetic counters. Definitely harmless—in fact, it aids your scalp as it whitens the hair.

Henna Rinses

The use of henna to liven fading hair has long been a favourite among women, but most women do not realise that henna shades must be carefully selected, brewed, and applied, so it is best to have henna applied by a professional hair tinter the first time. Then if you are capable, you may apply the henna rinse at home. Never attempt to cover bleached hair with henna without first restoring the hair's vitality through several thorough oil treatments and much brushing.



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It's very important to have a well-equipped work-basket on work-box, and a separate bag for the family stockings which need darning, with a little pocket in-

side the bag to hold mending silks, wool and darning needles.

It takes care and practice to become a neat mender, and that's why small daughters should be taught to darn neatly as soon as they are old enough to learn to sew.

Look over the stockings you are wearing regularly and watch to see if they are getting thin. It is always wise to darn over the thin places before the holes appear.

Every time you buy a pair of stockings, darn across the heels and toes with fine running stitches before you start to wear them.

They will last you double the time.

The same applies to children's socks.

Narrow ladders can be neatly mended by placing the two edges of running stitches on the wrong side with a very fine needle and a single fine strand of darning silk.

Remember when you darn woolen socks for the man of the family to darn them neatly, leaving a small loop at each end of the row of stitches to allow for shrinking.

In the case of hand-knitted socks, it's always best, when there are fairly big holes, to unravel the stocking or sock to the ankle and then re-knit the foot.

Now is a good time to overhaul autumn tweeds and woollens for any necessary repairs.

As a general rule tears in tweeds and other woollens should have professional attention, and I believe in sending them to a stopper.

A neat mend for a small tear or hole can sometimes be made by pulling threads from the seams of the garment and using these for darning. Or draw the edges of a tear close together on the wrong side and cover them with adhesive tape.

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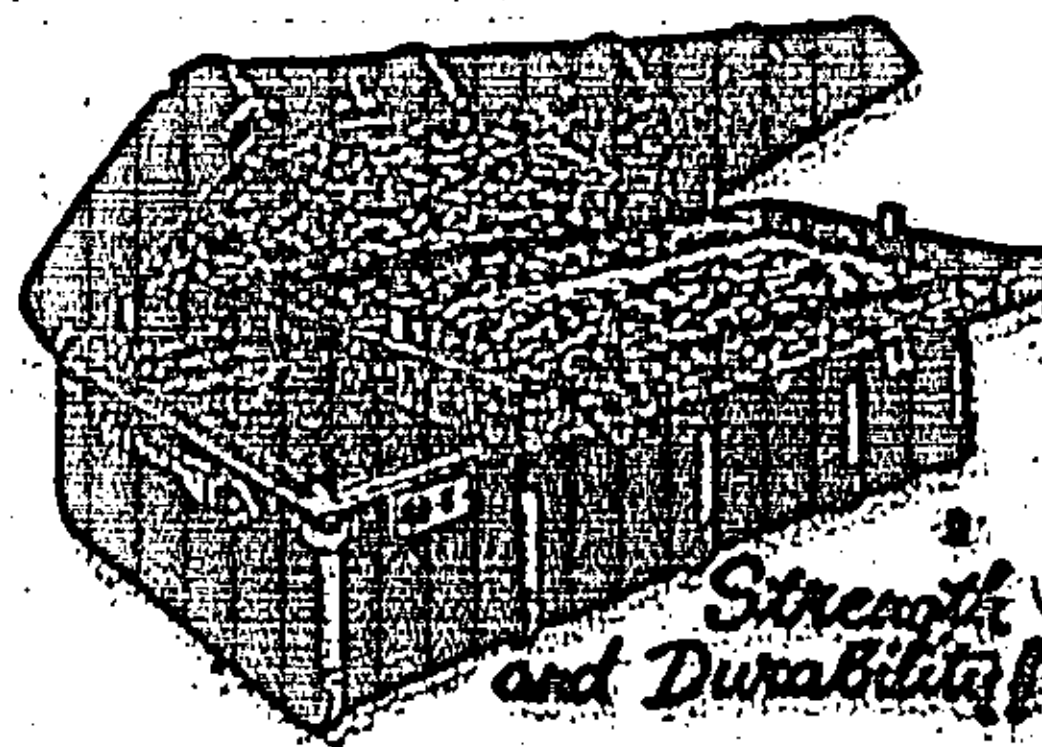
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"The early woodcutter gets the first tree, you know. Besides—it's an ugly tree. There is something offensive about that tree. Come to think of it, it rather reminds me of you, Bertie."

"Well—I must confess I didn't expect to see you chopping trees this morning, and, snipping a

whacking big black cheroot. Not after last night."

"I don't like the way you say 'not after last night.' I detect a certain cynicism in the tone—a certain undercurrent of bitterness. You ought to be overjoyed to see me, absolutely bristling with joy-de-vivre."

"I merely marvel at your powers of recovery."

"You needn't, Bertie. It's all due to Ross's Luna Juice. You know. Prevents nightmares after the night before. Just the thing before you go to bed. And now, Bertie, with your permission, I'll step out and deal our unsuspecting arboreal friend a couple of shrewd cracks with my little axe."

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His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, with his A.D.C., Captain Batty-Smith, at the Poppy Day soccer game. (Kahn).

Poppy Day Football

Picture taken at the Poppy Day match between United Services and The Rest. Photo shows Brigadier Reeve, Major-General A. E. Grasett, Lady MacGregor and His Honour the Chief Justice. (Kahn).



Hussain of St. Joseph's and Chan Tak-fai of South China leaping for a high ball in the First Division match on Sunday. South China won. (Kahn).



The United Services and The Rest teams photographed before the game, which The Rest won by three clear goals. Top: The Services. Bottom: The Rest. (Kahn).



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U. S. Search For New Rubber Plant

THROUGH THE tropics and highlands of Central and South American countries to-day a band of plant pioneers is searching, searching—intent on one of the most extraordinary biological research expeditions on record, backed by a Congressional appropriation of \$500,000 which, if successful, will open up a whole vast new rubber industry in new world countries, with economic, defence and scientific consequences of the most far-reaching importance.

While these bands of United States plant pioneers are engaged in hunting for a blight-resistant plant, upon which a great new international industry may be founded, other biologists are working overtime in attempting to evolve a new strain of the rubber tree—which is half tree and half shrub—of the South American hevea rubber, that will bring back to the New World the rubber industry that started here, but that was "kidnapped" years ago and taken far away to the Indies where the rubber supply is now menaced by ominous international relations in the Pacific. American biological investigators, in one of the greatest programmes of biological research ever undertaken, in field, laboratory and testing station, are now trying to bring the kidnapped victim back to its own home again.

Good-Night Policy Involved

Almost unique is one feature of the enterprise, that the United States Government is trying to establish this industry not in its own territory but in Latin-American countries which will be vastly benefited if the enterprise is successful. They will grow rubber and sell it to the United States; they will profit and so will their northern neighbour. The United States investigators are getting cooperation from every country through which exploratory parties are going, or where plant experimental stations are being set up. It is a concrete illustration of the practical good-neighbour policy at work, and of the friendly response it evokes.

Back in Washington at a desk in the Bureau of Plant Industry, in the marble-fronted Department of Agriculture sits a hard-working natural scientist, Dr. E. W. Brandes, head of the whole research problem, putting in as many as 16 hours a day and now receiving on almost every Latin-American clipper mail a report of the progress from one of his exploratory parties, or from a scientific group "on location" as part of the increasing data needed in one of the world's great plant-hunts. He is at the centre of the search although he is thousands of miles away, co-ordinating the problem like a general directing battle, and attempting now, with a big Federal sum at last available, to crack the biological riddle that has so far not even yielded to the efforts for the big Ford organisation in the Amazon region.

Defence Phase Prominent

The problem is of importance to every American who drives a car, and behind that, to the country at large as a matter of national defence and hemispherical solidarity. At best of times the price of rubber is artificially maintained, it is charged, in a plantation agreement by leaders in British Malaya, Dutch East Indies, and to a smaller extent, Ceylon and French Indo-China. The Ford, Firestone, Goodyear interests have all tried to break the hold. Firestone has had some success in Liberia, Ford, however, has run into obstacles in Brazil. In a minor way Ford and Goodyear interests are also now experimenting in Costa Rica.

As for national defence it is obvious on the economic side that every big industry that means goods coming to the United States in exchange for hard cash going to Latin America, binds the New World closer together. Trade ties are important.

Americans to-day move increasingly on rubber. Last year the United States imported \$131,071,000 of it, of which only \$1,830,000 came from Latin America, where the hevea rubber tree originated.

Latin American "seringeros" still tap white latex-yielding sap

of the wild rubber trees growing sparsely in the lush tropical areas, but the vast bulk of rubber comes from a small area in the Far East where rubber plantations have intensified the yield, year by year, by developing now and better strains of the originally wild

'PLANE DEFIES UNCLE SAM

For more than two hours men at the North Island naval air station (San Diego, Calif.) watched a 'plane circle overhead in defiance of Uncle Sam's defence law. Then it landed.

The craft proved to be a toy powered by rubber bands. Air currents had kept it aloft.

plant. What would happen to the United States, it is asked, if this supply were cut off by war? Even now the Defence Commission is rushing supplies to prepare the country against any emergency.

ADDED POWER FOR THE GESTAPO NEW PERIL

EXTENSION OF powers of the Gestapo—Germany's Secret Police—to include execution of non-German subjects without trial gives some indication of methods which may be used to maintain order in German occupied territories.

This latest decree, marking another step farther away from international standards of justice, has so far only been used against non-Germans within Germany itself.

Thus a Polish worker — not a prisoner of war — was recently given capital punishment for alleged association with a German prisoner of war.

However, increasing severity of Nazi justice in the occupied territories leads to the belief that the new decree may be soon extended to these areas.

The "People's Courts" or Volkgericht, which are theoretically based upon the judgments of experts even though generally dominated by Party political considerations is already in operation in the German dominated territories.

One of these courts which sat in the ballroom of the Princess Juliana's former palace at The

Hague recently sentenced a young nurse to three years imprisonment for writing on a wall the words, "Down with Hitler." The same court fined an innkeeper £120 and added a six-months' prison sentence for listening in to the Netherlands broadcast from London.

An Associated Press report from Berlin stated that three prisoners in the Munster Prison were given capital punishment Sept. 28 for mutiny. They were charged with using war conditions—especially confusion during an air alarm—to attempt escape.)

Prison camps in occupied France, such as one at St. Cloud Alencon, and reported to be full of French men and women who have protested or been "guilty" of listening to the British radio. Similar incidents are happening in other occupied countries in increasing numbers, according to reports reaching here.

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♠ K 7 5 3	♥ 6	♦ A Q J 10	♣ A K J 6
♠ A 2	♥ A K J 9	♦ 3	♣ 8 6 3
♠ 8 7 3	♥ Q 8 6 4	♦ Q 10 4	♣ 9 5 2
	♥ 9 5 4	♦ K 7 2	♣ 9 5 2
	♥ Q 10 4	♦ 9 5 4	♣ 9 5 2

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♥	Dbl.	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

West opened the King of hearts and then shifted to the eight of diamonds. East won with the King of diamonds and returned the suit, dummy winning with the Jack.

Declarer realised that he could not afford to let the outstanding trump Ace capture the King or the Queen, for then the opponents would surely win a second trump trick with the Jack or ten. The only chance, therefore, was to find the doubleton Ace of trumps in either the East or the West hand—and, having found that distribution, to play the trumps properly.

Since West had made an opening bid with not the slightest strength in diamonds or clubs, South felt sure that the spade Ace was in the West hand. His first step, therefore was to enter his own hand by leading a low club from the dummy and winning with the ten in his own hand. Next came a low spade.

West naturally played low, since to put up the Ace would solve all of South's difficulties. Dummy won with the King of spades and returned a trump. It was at this point that it was absolutely compulsory for South to duck. To play the Queen would surely allow West to capture an honour with his Ace; and the East would win the setting trick with the Jack of trumps. South had to play low and hope that West would have to play his Ace of

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trumps anyway. Since that was the case, South made his contract.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, not vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 8	♥ A K J 10 7 3
♦ K 9 7 4	♣ 8 5

The bidding:

You	Maier	Jacoby	Schenker
1♥	Dbl.	2♥	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid four hearts. You have a fine chance to shut the opponents out of the bidding. That is highly desirable because you have practically no defensive strength; and your partner's bid shows a similar inability to defend.

Score 100% for four hearts; 60% for three hearts; 20% for pass.

Question No. 565

To-day you are Merwin D. Maier's partner and, not vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold

♠ Q 5 3 2	♥ 6
♦ A K Q 5 3	♣ K 6 2

The bidding:

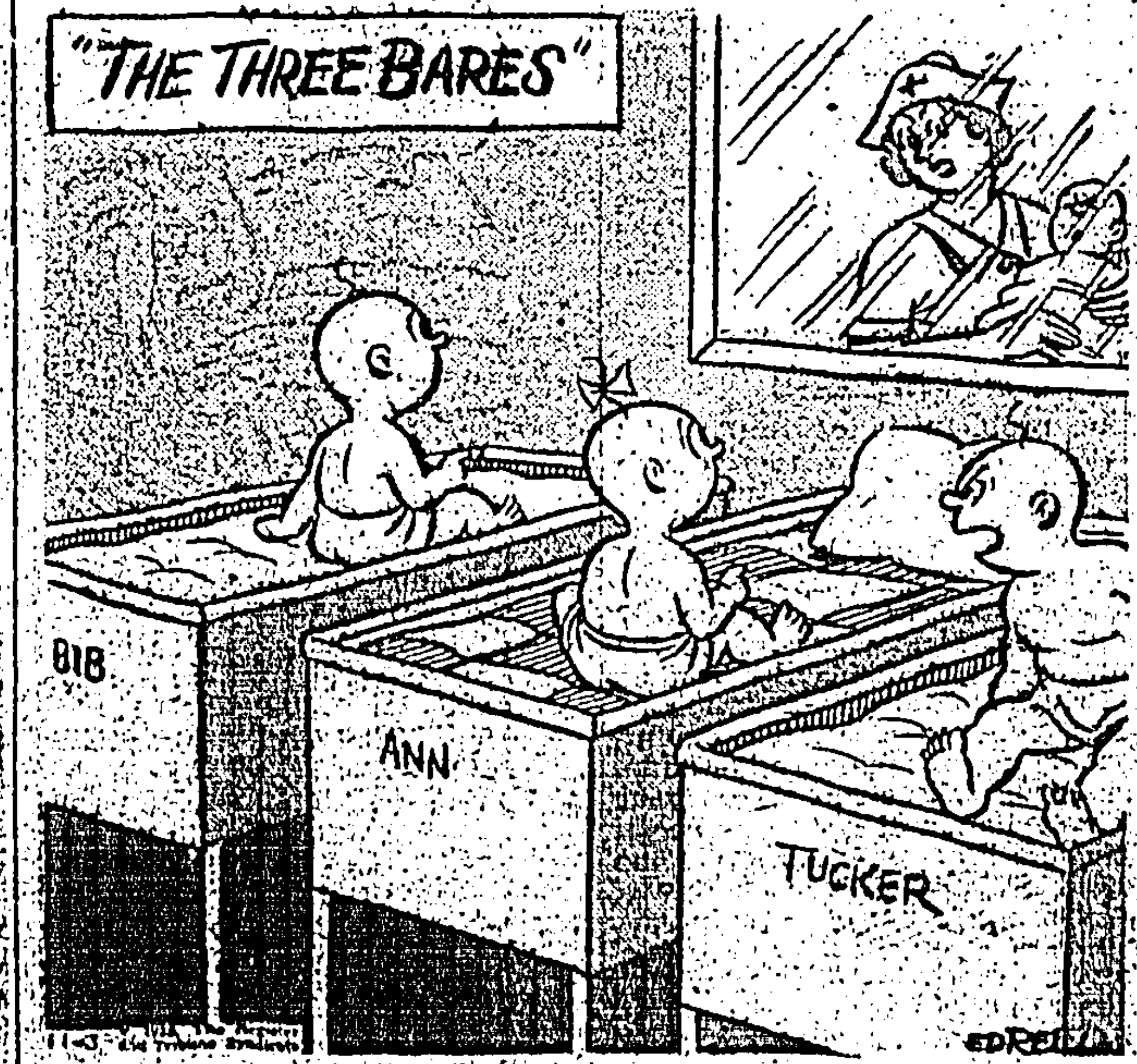
Schenker	Maier	Jacoby	You
1♥	1♠	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow.)

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WEEK-END HOCKEY

The following is the programme of League Hockey matches for the week-end with grounds and umpires:

SUNDAY

Recrelo "A" v. A. N. Other XI (Club ground) 10.30 a.m. Umpires K. Hussey and W. R. G. Hodge.
C.B.A. v. Police "A" (C.B.A. ground) 10.30 a.m. Umpires Capt. Martin and W. Wathen.
Khalisa v. University (Boundary Street) 2 p.m. Umpires D. T. Smith and E. C. Luscombe.
5th A.A. "B" v. 5th A.A. "A" (Lyemuh) 4 p.m. Umpires Sgt. Wellington and A. N. Other.
Gunboats v. 2nd M.T.B.'s (Navy ground) 10 a.m. Umpires J. Dove and T. A. Tyas.
Destroyers v. Police "B" (Navy ground) 11.15 a.m. Umpires J. Dove and T. A. Tyas.

MONDAY

Royal Engineers v. Royal Corps of Signals (Sookunpoo) 2.30 p.m. Umpires Capt. Pirie and Sgt. Wellington.
The game between the Nomads and the Kumon Rifles has been postponed.

C.C.C. CRICKET ELEVENS

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in friendly cricket matches against the Royal Scots on Saturday and the Volunteers on Sunday:

Saturday, at 2.30 p.m.:—A. M. Omar (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, U. K. Esmail, H. C. Foreman, M. C. Hung, B. R. Irance, C. W. Lam, E. J. Mitchell, G. Souza, W. K. Way.
Sunday, at 2 p.m.:—E. Zimmermann (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, A. Hung, A. J. Hulke, W. Hong Sling, A. K. Ismail, C. W. Lam, T. Lock, W. K. Way.

ARMY CRICKET XI

The following have been selected to represent the Army in a friendly match against Hong Kong University on Saturday at Sookunpoo, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

Major Swyre, Brigadier McLead, Sgt. Webb, Cpl. Boocock, L/Cpl. Stoner, Sapper Tropp, Sapper Baily, Gnr. Dobbinson, Gun. Barsby, Sgt. French, and L/Cpl. Murphy.



The mentally sketchy girl friend says sometimes great love comes in a flash—especially the flash of a bank-rob.

"GAS" IN KENTUCKY CAVES

American defence experts are reported to be considering storing war reserves of gasoline in Kentucky's natural caves.

Representative Beverly M. Vincent (D) of Kentucky, said he had discussed the possibility with War Department officials and that it was agreed that many of the caves could easily be made bombproof. He said there was space "to store all the gasoline we would need in a thousand years."

GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Club Championship of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will take place on November 24 (first and second rounds) and on December 22 (semi-final round), the final, over 36 holes, taking place on December 29.

The draw is as follows:

Col. H. B. Rose and S. Tomlinson; A. McKeller and D. Humphreys; R. K. Collings and A. E. Lisseman; G. G. Aitkenhead and F. D. Hunter; D. S. Edward and A. M. Kennedy; L. R. Andrewes and S. L. Lloyd; T. A. Pearce and D. S. Robb; K. S. Robertson and F. Groves.

The Committee hopes that no putts will be conceded. Tifins will be ordered and caddies will be reserved.

LADIES' GOLF COMPETITIONS

The usual Monthly Medal Competitions for both Silver and Bronze Divisions will continue to be played on the first Tuesday of each month.

A Medal Competition will be played over the New Course, Fanling, from 23rd to 26th November, both days inclusive.

An Eclectic Competition for a prize kindly presented by the Military Lady Associates will be held during December, January and February.

Entries for the Ross Cup are invited and the list will close on 3rd December.

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But to-day heads are being held high at Clare. All because many years ago, sturdy village men set out for the United States, settled in Iowa and founded Clare, U.S.A.

Now one of the American destroyers which will guard the seas for Britain is bearing the name H.M.S. Clare—and the old-world Suffolk hamlet is the smallest place to have given its name to one of the fifty destroyers.

Throughout the black-out darkness village folk hurry to special meetings to settle the plan of campaign. For Clare, Suffolk, mother town of Clare, Iowa, is going to do this thing in a big way.

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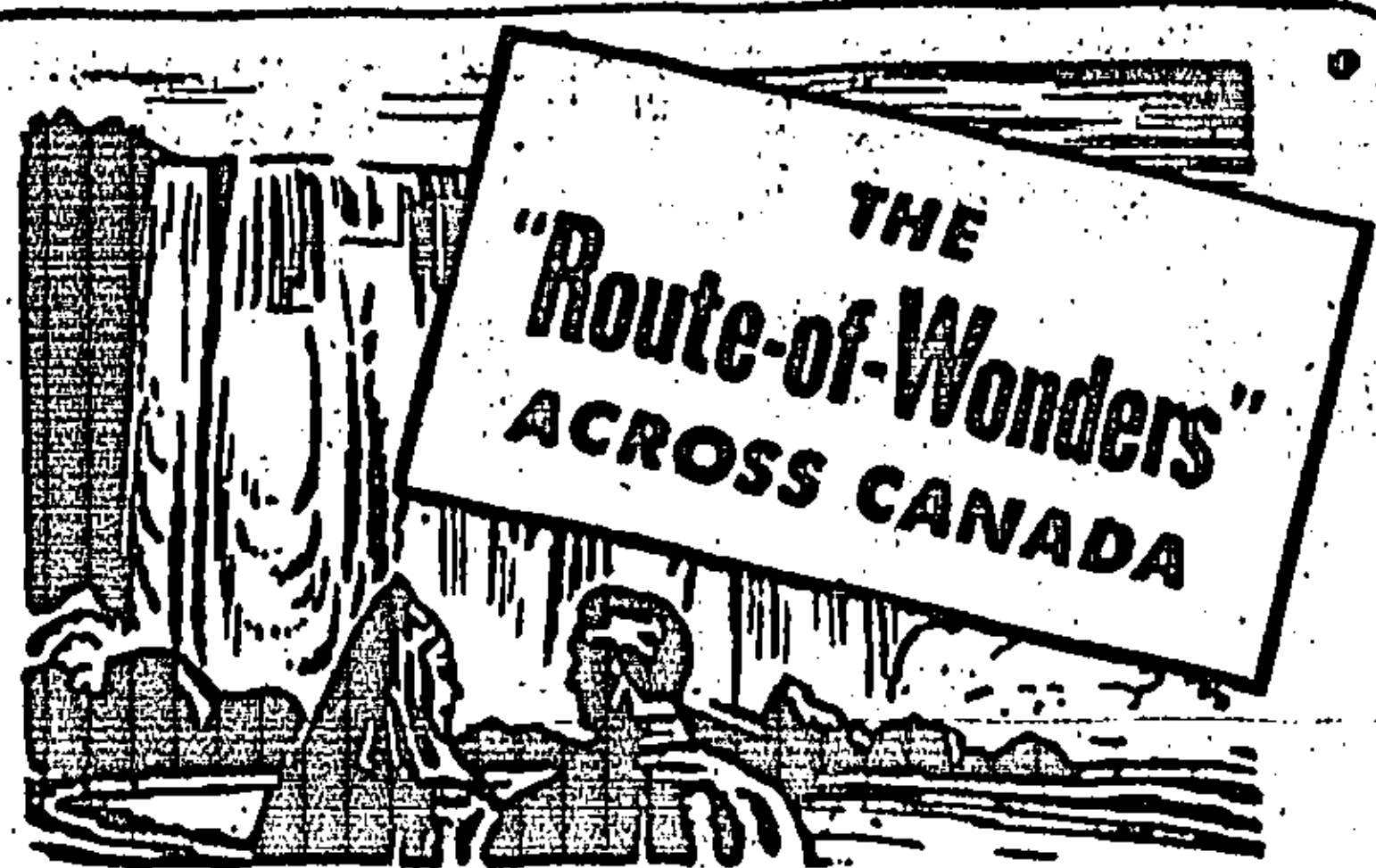
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1.45 p.m.—Mozart—Quartet in E Flat Major.
1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Larghetto; 3rd Mov: Allegretto...Hortense Monath (Piano) & The Pasquier Trio.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.02 p.m.—New Variety.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Max Miller in the Finsbury Park Empire Theatre. (An actual theatre recording).

7.52 p.m.—Russian Novelty Orchestra.
Waltzes—
Volga (Composer Unknown).
Gypsy (Composer Unknown).

8.03 p.m.—Fletcher—Sylvan Scenes Suite.
Part 1: In Beauty's Bower; Part 2: Sylvia Dances; Part 3: The Pool of Narcissus; Part 4: Cupid's Carnival...London Palladium Orchestra.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Atmosphere". A Play by Lord Dunsany.

8.35 p.m.—Vaughan Williams—Serenade to Mabel.

8.50 p.m.—Piano Solo by Egon Petri.
Fantasia—In Memory of My Father (Busoni—after J. S. Bach).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentaries.

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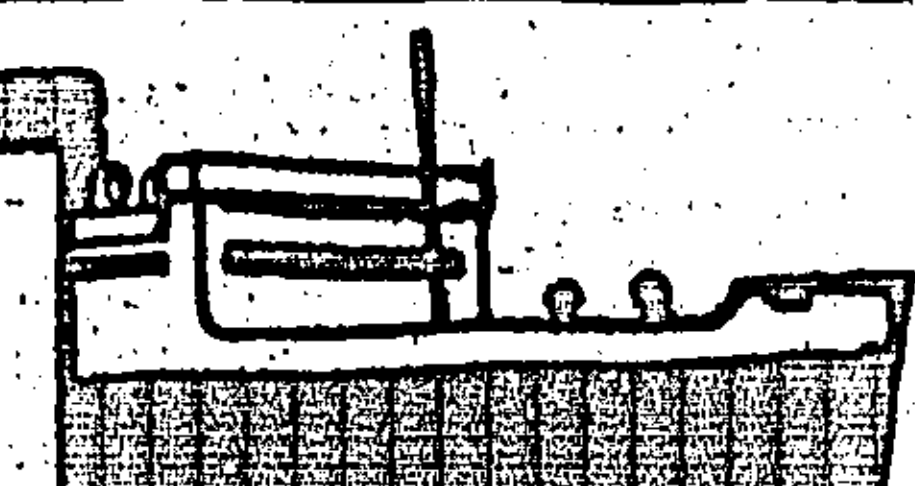
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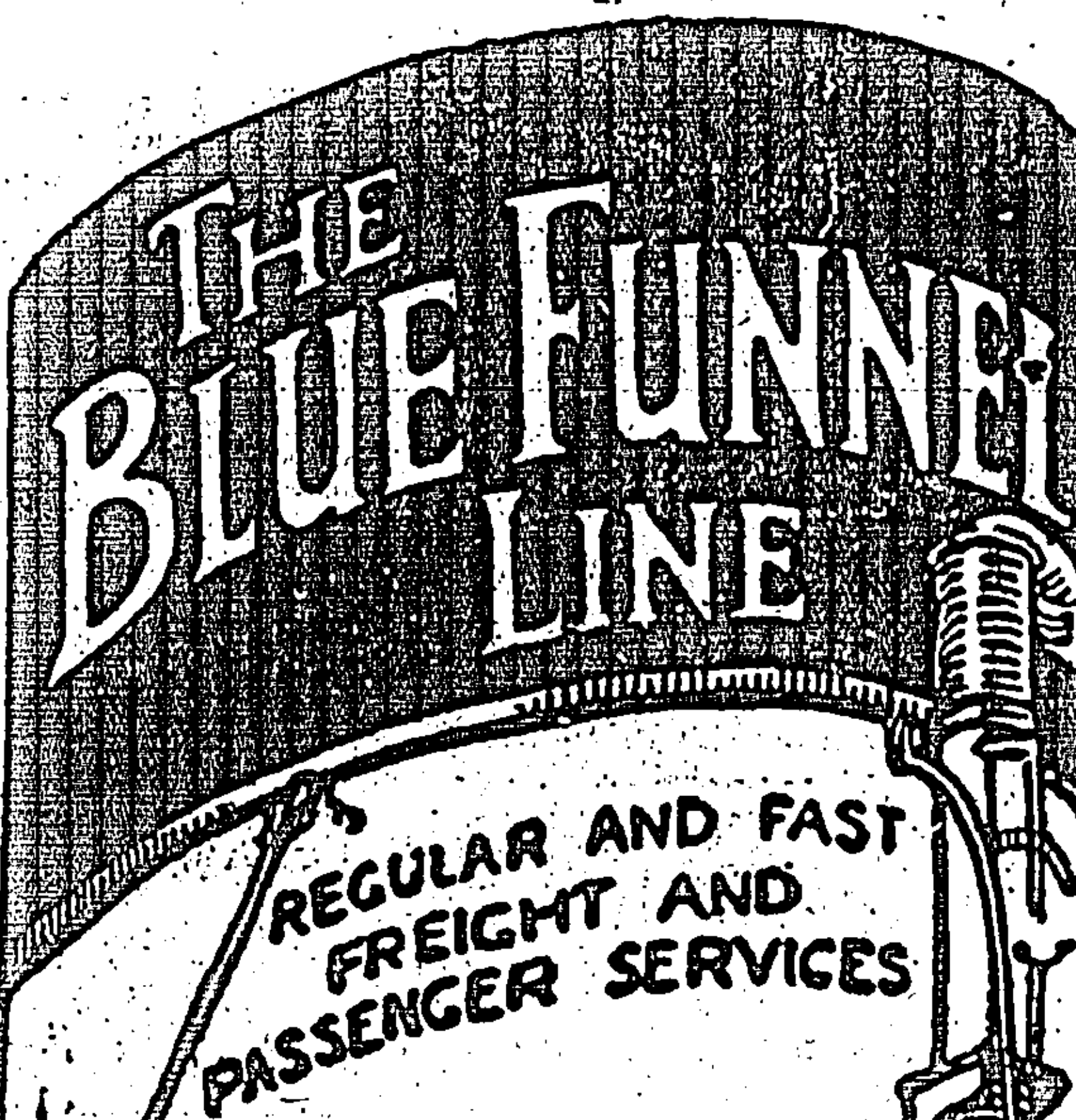
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"CHINA MAIL" CUP TOURNEY REACHES THE FINAL STAGE

Six Matches Played On Sunday Morning

Anti-Aircraft Gunners Give Little Away

By "Skip"

THE FINE WEATHER WHICH FAVOURED THE ASSOCIATION'S CLOSING DAY HELD UP FOR SUNDAY AND IT WAS POSSIBLE TO PLAY OFF THE SIX MATCHES SCHEDULED IN THE "CHINA MAIL" CUP COMPETITION.

The quarter-finals, which took place in the morning, resulted as expected but there was a major upset in the semi-finals when 5th A.A. Battery eliminated the favourites, No. 6 Company's "A" team.

The latter had scored an expected win against Field Ambulance "B" in the morning, the margin of shots being exactly a dozen. They ran into a lead early on and always seemed able to win although the Medical men nearly caught up at one stage. All of the No. 6 men were steady whilst Roza, pitted against no less redoubtable a player than Joe Luz, was the most reliable of the losing team.

Field Engineers "C" from Kowloon Dock scored a six—a very good six I may add as Morrison forced the jack through to make the big count possible—at the very first head against Field Engineers "B" and went on to lead by 14/2 but then the Sappers got going and, finishing strongly, they lost by only eight shots.

Ack-Acks Have A Struggle

5th A.A. Battery did not have an easy time against Field Engineers "A", although they eventually won by six shots.

The winners scored a five early on and this just about made the difference, especially as they followed it up with a three, to secure a winning lead.

The five was an excellent one, Chalmers' three front men all drawing beautifully to the jack to pack the head so well, that Stephens' wood, only eighteen inches away, did not save.

Sykes played his only bad head here and with Capt. Jack Bottomley also failing the rear men had a difficult task.

Melrose was deadly in the early stages though he only just had the better of the Sappers' lead but the latter secured the honours towards the finish to even matters up.

Main was steadiness personified but his opponent was weak whilst Spud Spary, though good, was not quite equal to Jimmy Chalmers—and that is where the difference lay.

Although the score 28/8 was a true indication of the game between First Battery "A" and A.S.C. Coy. "A", the Gunners actually led by 7/5 after eight heads, some of them so bad that they were wittily called "Sunday morning heads."

Then the opposition began to deliver the goods in bulk, to use one of their familiar phrases, and the losers added only one more shot. Peter Morrison was very promising early on, though not so consistent after the half way stage, but Jack Carr could not get the length at all.

Bickford put in some good ones but the O.C. played a Captain's game and saved frequently. He really had little chance once the winners' got the lead. Cullen, for the latter, was erratic in his length but the men following were too steady for the opposition.

The semi-finals, as I expected, attracted a goodly crowd of fans who were provided with a couple of interesting games.

That between No. 6 "A" and 5th A.A. Battery was the better from a bowling point of view, although the other game produced some thrilling moments, notably when first Kern then Morrison, killed the head in desperate and successful efforts to save the situation.

No. 6 Company were up against a Gibraltar-like team and had to fight for every shot. Jimmy Chalmers being especially deadly with his drawing shots.

On one occasion the Portuguese were counting no less than seven but he drew not only a saver, which would satisfy most skips, but the very first shot!

Keown, as his third man, had one good wood every head but usually one not so good, whilst Main, who was opposed to the strongest of the opposition in Dick Alves, gave little away.

Melrose Shines

Melrose was very good and held Joe Luz in check with something to spare, for the latter was not as good as he had been in the morning. Consequently, Dick Alves had plenty of saving to do and he achieved his task very well.

Johnny Ribeiro was not as consistent as usual, whilst Chico's best shots were of the pound-on variety in which he never failed once.

As the Portuguese required three to tie at the last head and were lying a brace when their skip went down to bowl, it can well be imagined that the atmosphere was electrified. Chico just failed to draw with his first after Chalmers had, I think, put one a yard past the jack for safety. Chalmers could not save with his next one and after examining the head—I might almost say cross-examining, judging by the time it took to weigh up the possibilities—Chico decided to draw. Or at least I think he did, for he had three chances—a dead draw to tie, face their nearest at the back for a win or if narrow to bump one up.

I wonder if he fell between three stools—for he was just a trifle heavy. But then skips must be up you know and one did not envy him the task!

Meyer's Spectacular Shot

Alec Calman, who was playing under a great mental hazard on account of the news of the "or" very sportingly turned out again in the afternoon but was

"CHINA MAIL" CUP FINAL

The final of the "China Mail" Volunteer Lawn Bowls Cup Competition, between 5th A.A. Battery and A.S.C. Coy. "A", will be played at Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Sunday, commencing at 3 p.m. The cup and souvenirs will be presented to the successful unit by Col. H. B. Rose, Commandant of the H.K.V.D.C., after the match.

obviously not at his best and Cullen had rather the better of him though not by much.

Willie Hyde again proved the sheet anchor of the A.S.C. Company team and apart from two or

three heads he was always somewhere handy.

At one head in particular both Cullen and he failed and the Engineers piled up five or six, all in a line up and down the green, but Joe Meyer saved with a really spectacular shot—which he said was heavy—as it left his hand—taking the jack through only a couple of inches for a certain counter.

The same player had a further opportunity to shine a little later when he broke up a big count and was fortunate to take the jack to his first wood at the back of the rink.

But Bob Morrison was always a thorn in the side of the enemy. At one head—to mention just one—he saved a beautiful five which Kern admittedly should have protected.

Owing to pressure on space Army Sportlight has been held over until to-morrow.

AITKENHEAD SHIELD

THOROUGHLY ENJOYABLE SATURDAY AFTERNOON

By Skip

I HAVE DISCUSSED as forcibly as I dare in another column the mix-up over the Aitkenhead Shield scores but coming to a head as it did on Sunday, it did not prevent the players and all concerned from enjoying a thoroughly successful day on Saturday, in which the dourness of League games was to a large extent absent.

I think it will be agreed that the Hong Kong players were not expected to put up such strong opposition as they did, whilst for the benefit of those who have had their laugh at my expense and castigated my efforts at forecasting, I may say that the team which represented the Island was materially different—and generally much stronger than that originally announced.

This does not apply quite literally to Jack Deakin's rink against Frank Goodwin in the battle of the Captains, for, as Willie Dall was unable to turn out, Khan went from lead to third man, where he did quite well, I believe, and Hodges of Stanley came "off the bank" to fill in the vacant place.

The mainland skip, for whom Joe Fraser was in good form; won chiefly by reason of a nap hand towards the finish.

On the next rink Jimmy "Hope" Kew was meantime providing one of the sensations of the afternoon by beating Charlie Rossette heavily—the latter being 16 down at the 19th, when the skips exchanged counts of five, Rossette getting his at a vital stage in the whole match. At the last end, Kew's Kowloon Tong four were all bowling splendidly and, with practically no support from his front men, Rossette was continually forced to be heavy.

Wrong Again

My third forecast was wrong insofar as I said Holland would win, but as there were only four shots in it, I can claim to be partially right as I indicated a close result.

The two leads Yusuf and Deacon had an epic struggle with honours high and even, but Waterton, who was about the best of the home rink, was beating Doctor Lam, which gave Dick Bana some well-taken chances to shine, though once again Omar was the outstanding player on the rink.

Percy Youngusband skipped a Kowloon Football Club rink against Biffie Jillett's four from Stanley—so much easier than Prison Officers' Club—and secured the better end of a very exciting game.

Tich Freeman and Arthur Dand seemed to be playing a steady game as leads, with neither having much advantage at the finish. As I was perhaps a little hard

on Bill Casey in my notes on Saturday, when I said that he would not see the way Willie Walker was going, I feel I must make adequate amends by saying that the boot was almost on the other foot. Walker would have had to be at his best to hold him on the day's showing but he was not and, with Joe Prentice getting the better of his opponent, Meyer and Hall were up against it most of the time.

Sammy Nolan played so well against the former and Ted Post drew so many really uncanny shots against Hall, that it seems remarkable that the Island four did not win by many more than five shots—they certainly deserved to do so.

Most Remarkable Game

Most remarkable game of the whole lot was that between Walter Gill and Ernie Kern. The Kowloon team, after 10 heads, were leading by no less than 19/0, whilst, with only two heads to go, they were up 35/3; but then Gill's four doubled their score and secured a singleton at the last end.

This rink was the last to finish and the Kowloon skip was told that his side was five up but in any case I do not think he could have removed the shot which after the match appeared to be the decider.

Gelling was being beaten by Overy most of the time whilst Butler was obviously out of practice and Ted Ramsey was able to add several shots, though Willie Hyde was the star turn of the side. Joe Landolt, playing three in place of Gill who skipped for Duncan, was always trying to save, as was "Pop" but their's was a hopeless task, though I thought they might have attacked it with more success.

There was never much difference in the scores in the McKelvie/Chalmers duel, though the former secured a six at the third head. He eventually got home by the important three which he got at the last head—the score which has caused all the bobbey!

Footballers' Fine Game

On Rink No. 8, I thought that Jackie Noronha would beat Brooksbank by more than four—another last head win—but I am told that the Footballers put up an excellent game especially Wallington as lead and Lionel Lam-mert, the former being little be-

THAT SHIELD MESS

By Skip

Never has an Aitkenhead Shield match lasted so long, or created as much interest as the last one, for it began at 2.45 on Saturday afternoon and to all intents and purposes is still going on as I write for no one yet knows officially who won—whilst the ultimate results and the events leading up to it have been the main topic of conversation in the clubs since Saturday evening.

While in theory the Association officials must be considered to be the guilty parties, I cannot help sympathising with them very strongly—although I reserve the right to criticise the fact that not less than four persons were endeavouring to summarise the totals of only a dozen boards—task in which it will be admitted they failed early in the game when the scores of the first five heads were added to those of the first ten, and the sum total recorded on the board, as being the tenth head scores.

Mistake Spotted

The mistake was soon observed and rectified I must add, but this has nothing to do with the contretemps—a polite way of putting what others have described differently—which has arisen over the final scores. This I say right away. I blame chiefly on those skips who, in two cases, relied on their Number Twos, who by I.B.B. rules must keep the scores AND ANNOUNCE THE SCORE AT THE END OF EACH HEAD.

I blame the skips only insofar as they did not check the boards and cards to see if they were the same before signing and although it is no excuse for them I may add that in very few cases is this done.

And just see what this omission has led to this time—a lot of trouble to all concerned—and a general confusion as regards the result which I presume will have to be discussed by the full Committee of the Association.

This bad marking of cards is not new—it has been going on for years—and during the first weeks of the present season I referred to it no less than three times—ending up one sentence with "what a farce this signing by skips has become."

I reiterate it with emphasis and can only hope that last Saturday's affair will lead to some improvement in the matter, or action by the Association.

A Solution

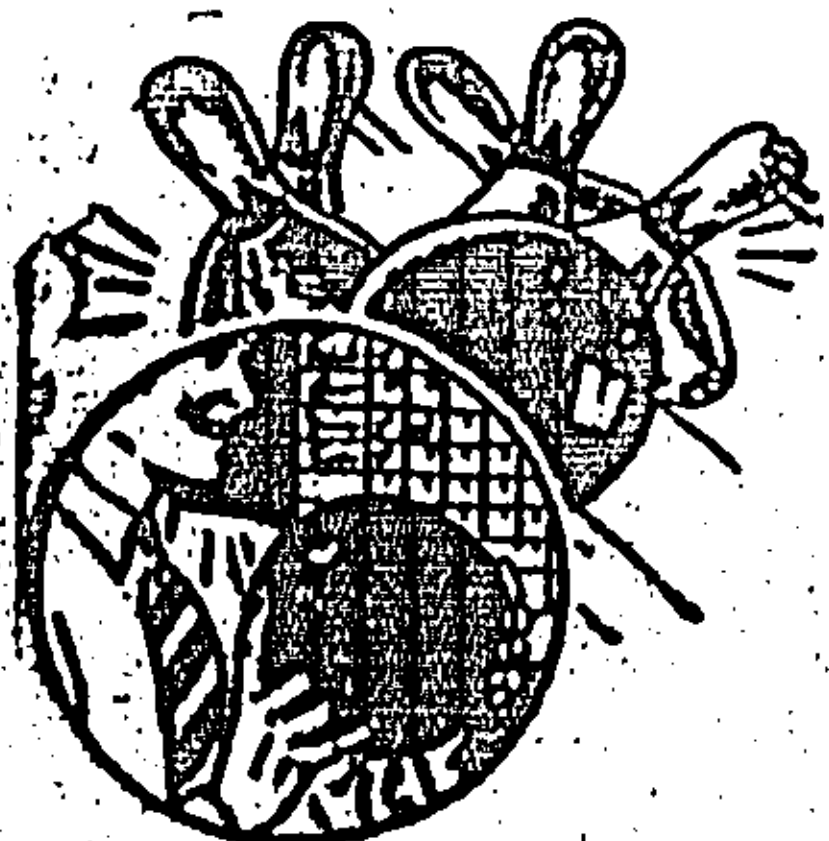
As regards the settlement of the matter, I suggest that the match be officially recorded as a win for Kowloon, and that all Hong Kong players return the spoons—within a week so as to clear up the matter quickly—to their opposite number or to the Association. No sportsman would wish to retain a trophy, however small, to which he is not entitled!

hind Joe Luz in drawing to the kitty.

I understand that Jack Fender was in really deadly form and put down hardly one wood which did not improve the situation for his side, the chief benefits coming after the interval.

Rakusen ran into a lead of nine shots to nil against Spuggy Silva, whose rink looked pretty useful, and he never looked back afterwards, the dozen-shot margin being a fair indication of the side's—and his own—playing, for he was in excellent fettle, drawing and putting a pound on with equal facility.

Then at the end of the green came two more upsets and in both cases I feel they were due to changes in the visiting team, for Alf Coates took the place of Bill Way against Simpson's four and won very handsomely, whilst "Abe" Abbas replaced Adal with an unfavourable result to Carlos Silva's rink, in which I hear "Binnie" Remedios was quite useful as lead against Jeff Hoosen.



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RACING

BURFORD EXPECTED TO WIN THE HONG KONG ST. LEGER

Mr. H.C. Pih In Shanghai: Mr. Needa Back

Eve Of Peace And Happy Landings For The "Double"

By "Rapier"

THE ELEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING AT HAPPY VALLEY TO-MORROW BRINGS RACING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NEAR THE END OF THE 1940 SEASON.

There is no denying the fact that it has so far been an exceptionally successful season, and to-morrow, given the prevailing glorious weather conditions, I expect a large crowd to attend.

An attractive programme of eight events has been arranged, most interesting of which is the Hong Kong St. Leger. This is the third race on the programme, and will be contested over 1-3/4 miles by China ponies, griffins of this season, and victory is certain to go to the pony with the greatest stamina.

"Championship honours among the jockeys has now reached an interesting stage, and with only two more meetings to go, competition should be keen. Mr. V. V. Needa has returned from the North, but Mr. H. C. Pih will not be in action as he left for the Northern port some time last week.

Race No. 1. TAIPO STAKES: ONE MILE

First event on the programme will be contested by novice jockeys on "E" Class China ponies, weight 147 lb., with 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes since January 1, 1940. Ascot Vale (Mr. Sequiera), for coming in fourth in the Junk Bay Handicap (Second Section) for "D" Class ponies, was recently demoted and, as it will be carrying only 5 lb. more than in the above race, I don't think the extra weight will prejudice its chances of winning this race, notwithstanding the fact that it ran unplaced at Macao last Sunday.

Geordie (Mr. Wood) was third in the Republican Handicap (First Section) at Macao on Sunday when ridden by Mr. K. I. Ip and it should give Ascot Vale a good fight for first place. Lancashire Chap (Mr. S. W. Lee) is also to be considered as this pony has been knocking at the door of suc-

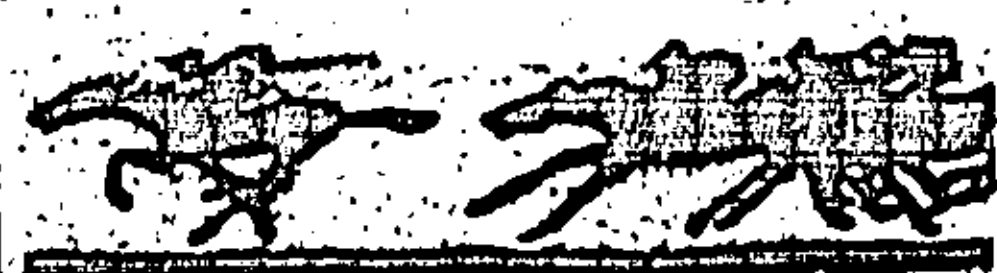
cess for a long time, and I think its chances are fairly bright, while National Liberty (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai) is another pony to be watched as it is quite capable of causing an upset. Mr. Chiu Kifan has the choice of either Desert Star or Radium Star, the winner of the Republican Handicap (First Section) at Macao last Sunday; he will probably take out the former as it is the better of the two over this distance and should do well. Heddon ran very well to come in second to Radium Star at Macao, when it lost by a neck and, as it will again be taken out by Mr. Lo Kwok-to, it should not be disregarded.

I nominate Ascot Vale to take first place, with Geordie second and Desert Star third.

Race No. 2. NEWCASTLE HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

This race is confined to "C" Class Australian ponies. By virtue of its win in the Canberra Plate over the mile at the Eighth Extra meeting, Venus Bay (Mr. Needa) has been penalised by 20 lb., but in view of the shorter distance, coupled with Mr. Needa's experience, I am inclined to believe that it will still be able to win despite the extra weight.

Main challenge will probably come from Cheerful Star, the



winner of the Ballarat Handicap at the Ninth Extra meeting. Its weight is up by 13 lb.

There is also Centre Court (Mr. Sung) to be reckoned with as this pony, in view of its recent placing behind Piccadilly Jim in the Queensland Handicap over two miles at the last meeting, is quite capable of winning.

Catterick Bridge (Mr. Hearne) has been promoted since its last outing when it won the Queensland Handicap over this distance and, as it will be running with 13 lb. less, it should be prominent at the finish, while Bredon, if again ridden by Mr. Chattey, will have 5 lb. allowance and, with only 140 lb. to handle, should do well if given a good start.

For a long shot, I suggest Keeping A Green Time (Mr. Wei) in mind as this pony is fast over this distance.

Race No. 3. HONG KONG ST. LEGER: 1 3/4 MILES

This is the main event of the afternoon and I expect the following ponies to fight out the issue:—

Burford (Mr. Black).
O-Lan (Mr. Needa).
Craigavad (Mr. Wei).

Burford, the champion pony, has not raced since its dead-heat win with Confusion Bay in the Easter Stakes and, as it has fully recovered from its ailment, I think it should have little difficulty in winning this race. There is, of course, O-Lan to be reckoned with as this pony ran very well to come in second to Eve of Harvest in the October Handicap (1 1/4 miles). Craigavad may do better over the longer distance with a change of jockey.

I nominate Burford to win, however, with O-Lan second and Craigavad third.

Race No. 4. NEW BRIDGE HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): FROM THE 1-1/2 MILE POST

This is a sprint event for "B" Class Australian ponies. A good start here will make all the difference between winning and losing, and I would suggest that a careful note be taken of the draw for position. Devonian (Mr. Trevorton), Melody Star (Mr. Craven), Rowan (Mr. Hearne) and Tornado Star (Mr. S. W. Tang) have all been given 160 lb. to handle and I think we can safely leave them out.

I expect the winner to come from the following:—

Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx).
Flying Dutchman (Mr. Needa).
Pumpnickel.
Springhurst (Mr. Poy).

Fair Chance, which was second to Income Tax in the Nullah Handicap (First Section) over the mile, is quite capable of winning here as it has shown improvement in its last two outings and will have the champion short distance jockey on top, but Flying Dutchman, which ran unplaced in the above race, when ridden by Mr. P. P. Botelho, with only 142 lb. to carry should win to-morrow with Mr. Needa up.

Pumpnickel dead-heated with Brown Derby for first place in the second section of the Nullah Handicap and, if taken out by Mr. Tao, should give Flying Dutchman a good fight. Springhurst, should not be disregarded as the distance suits it very well and an upset is not impossible.

I nominate Flying Dutchman to win, with Fair Chance second and Pumpnickel third.

Race No. 5. CASTLE PEAK HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double", and will be decided by "D" Class China ponies.

Sunlight View (Mr. P. P. Botelho) has been allotted top-weight of 163 lb. and so can be disregarded. Eve of Peace (Mr. Davis), for its second placing behind its stable companion Eve of Dancing with Mr. Barrow up, has been penalised by 6 lb. but in view of that performance, I don't think the extra weight will ruin its chances of winning.

There is also This Time (Mr. Wei), which is carrying 143 lb. to-morrow, to be reckoned with, as it won the Jordan Handicap (Second Section) from the 1 1/2 miles post when carrying top-weight of 168 lb.

West Lake (Mr. Chao) for its win in the Jordan Handicap (First Section) has gone up 6 lb. in weight and although I don't think much of its chances of winning, it should place.

Portrush (Mr. H. S. Chang) will probably try its running away tactics again and might cause an upset, while Sylvandale (Mr. Tao) should not be disregarded.

I fancy Eve of Peace for first place, with This Time second and West Lake third.

Race No. 6. NEW SOUTH WALES HANDICAP: FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

This race is confined to "A" Class Australian ponies, and, judging from its last outing, when it came second to Sapper in the Fremantle St. Leger, Amicus Curiae should command strong support in the betting.

Good as this pony is, however, I don't think it will win over this distance.

Australian Diamond (Mr. Wei), although it ran unplaced in the above race, is my choice for this race, as the distance is more suitable to it, but Baffin Bay (Mr. Needa), which was fourth in the Diamond Bay Handicap over the mile carrying 160 lb., is the danger and may cause an upset.

Viceroy will be taken out by Mr. Black to-morrow, and as it was third to Amicus Curiae with Mr. P. P. Botelho up in the above race, it should be very near at the finish.

Vanity Fair (Mr. Ip Kui Ying), which won and then lost the Moore Park Handicap over six furlongs by disqualification for bumping and boring, should do well if it can produce the same form.

Australian Diamond, however, should win with Baffin Bay second and Amicus Curiae third.

Race No. 7. NEW BRIDGE HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): FROM THE 1-1/2 MILE POST

Those who succeed in making the right choice in the first leg of the "Daily Double" will probably find it difficult to make the right connection in this sprint, which is confined to second section of "B" Class Australian ponies. The race should be fought out between the following ponies:—

A Great Time (Mr. Wei).
Cocklerol (Mr. Ip Kui Ying).
Derby Day (Mr. Hearne).
Franklin (Mr. Chao).
Happy Landings (Mr. Davis).

TROPP'S FORM FINE

The magnificent bowling of Spr. Tropp was the feature of a friendly cricket match played at Soekunpoo yesterday between Forsters, Royal Engineers and Royal Army Pay Corps. Thanks chiefly to Tropp's efforts—he also top-scored for his side—the Sapper team were able to win by six wickets.

Tropp conceded 16 runs in his first four overs, whilst taking only one wicket, but he then took three wickets for no runs in his fifth over and took his remaining five wickets in the course of three overs for 11 runs. In the face of this bowling Ingleby and Blount did very well with the bat to score 39 runs between them of their side's total of 68.

Saddler bowled well for R.A.P.C., taking 5 for 25.

R.A.P.C.				
Ingleby, b Tropp	19			
Jones, b Tropp	5			
Blount, not out	20			
Saddler, b Tropp	0			
Shorthouse, b Tropp	0			
Dixon, b Tropp	1			
Hemming, b Tropp	2			
Pendergast, b Tropp	5			
Carden, c Kehoe, b Tropp	5			
Pinkney, b Tropp	0			
Smart, b Tropp	0			
Extras (B11)	11			
Total	68			

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tropp	8	1	27	9
Holliday	3	0	12	0
Shipp	3	0	14	1
Bailey	1	0	4	0

R.E.				
Lieut. Holliday, l.b.w., b Dixon	9			
Spr. Tropp, c and b Saddler	35			
Spr. Bailey, b Dixon	4			
Sgt. Shipp, b Dixon	0			
Spr. Goss, l.b.w., b Dixon	15			
S/Sgt. Kehoe, l.b.w., b Saddler	2			
Sgt. Denyer, not out	22			
Cnl. Hawkins, b Saddler	0			
C.S.M. Gabs, b Saddler	0			
Spr. Noides, b Saddler	0			
Extras (B4, LB2)	6			
Total (for 9 wickets)	92			

One player absent.

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dixon	7	0	56	4
Saddler	6.3	0	25	5
Blount	1	0	5	0

Sea Jay (Mr. Proulx).

On past performances, Happy Landings, which won the Charter's Towers Handicap, should win here if it can produce its old form, but if it fails, Derby Day, which was third in the above race may do the trick. Cocklerol looks dangerous at 140 lb. and, although it has done nothing of note, is very fit at the moment and should be worth watching. Franklin, since its win in the Koala Handicap when carrying 165 lb., has not had another win to its credit, but it may do so to-morrow in view of the short distance. The same remarks apply to A Great Time. Sea Jay may have a say in this race if it can get off to a flying start, otherwise I cannot see it winning.

Race No. 8. CASTLE PEAK HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This is the final event of the day and second section of "D" Class China ponies will participate. Double Chance (Mr. Chao) is given top-weight of 168 lb. which I consider is sufficient to prevent it winning, while Piet Hein (Mr. P. P. Botelho), which won the Hunan Handicap (Second Section) with Mr. Wei up, has been penalised by 7 lb. also has little chance. On the other hand, Bressay (Mr. Hearne), which lost to Piet Hein in the above race, should have a chance of beating the latter pony to-morrow.

Palmer (Mr. Wei), although fast over sprint races, will probably find the distance a bit too great, but Gold Coin, which was third to Bressay, will again be taken out by Mr. Liang and over this distance will probably do better.

Valorous (Mr. Needa) should not be disregarded, although old, and is quite likely to cause an upset.

Salvage Master (Mr. Tao) is another pony to watch as it has regained some of its old form, while Jack O'Lantern, which won the Kuo Hua Handicap at Macao last Sunday with Mr. Black on top, if again taken out by the same jockey, should not be disregarded.



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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

THE fourth and last match in the first round of the Ewo Indoor Bowling Competition was played off on November 7.

The match was between the "Hyjackers" and the "Termites", and resulted as expected in a very decided win for the "Hyjackers" by no less than 469 pins. The individual scores were as follows:—

"Hyjackers"	"Termites"
Ernie Hearther 521	D. Parsons 390
Doc Molthen 501	E. A. Gaubert 378
C. Williams 411	G. J. P. Carey 354
H. Waller 403	E. H. Brazel 247

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The "Termites" did not bowl anything like their usual, but this can be accounted for from the fact that this team, as a team, had never played in a match game before, and it was truly very sporting of them to enter the competition. What they lacked in brilliancy of bowling they made up with good natured banter.

Ernie Hearther, for the "Hyjackers", was top scorer for the match with 521, and as the rules of the competition call for only three games to be played in the preliminary rounds, his average worked out at almost 174 pins per game; he was very consistent, as he always is, and he made 173, 172, 176.

Waller and Williams, for the "Hyjackers", did not do very well at all, probably due to the fact that both players were comparatively new to the Alleys, and no doubt felt a little strange.

Parsons for the "Termites" was top scorer for his team with a fair 390 or 130 pins per game but I have seen him do much better than this.

Elmy Again

Private Elmy of Royal Scots was again in the limelight on Sunday, when he bagged a good 224 to beat his 211 made on November 4. His effort on Sunday was, as follows:—a strike on his first and second frames, a spare on his third and fourth frames, a nine on his fifth frame, a strike on his sixth frame, a spare on his seventh frame, then three strikes in a row on his eighth, ninth and 10th frames, to make two more strikes with the two extra balls, his total score being 224. This effort made him top scorer for the month, but he did not long remain in this coveted position, for Cpl. Blount of Royal Signals netted a brilliant 233 on Armistice Day, his score-sheet showing that he started off with five strikes in a row, on his first, second, third, fourth and fifth frames, then he had a bad split on his sixth frame, to make an 8 with his first ball, and 9 with his second ball. He then made a spare in his seventh and eighth frames, a strike on his ninth and 10th frames, a nine with his first extra ball and a spare with the second one, to make a total of 233.

Ewo Competition

The first of the semi-finals in the Ewo Indoor Bowling Competition was played off on Tuesday. It was between the "Daredevils" and the "Hyjackers" and resulted in a win for the "Daredevils" by 247 pins.

Five games were played, as, according to the rules of the competition, five games had to be played in the Semi-Final and Final.

L. Gaddi for the "Daredevils" was unavoidably absent and the services of that old veteran bowler Chief Petty Officer F. Spenko were called upon, and as can be seen by his score he was a very useful acquisition for his team. The individual scores were as follows:—

"Daredevils"	"Hyjackers"
F. Spenko 305	Ernie Hearther 994
H. Blount 298	Doc Molthen 905
J. H. Watts 248	H. Waller 637
J. S. Landolt 223	C. Williams 629

3472

3225

The top score for the match was bagged by Hearther for the Hyjackers with a brilliant 994 pins, or an average of almost 199, another six pins would have made him 1,000 with an average of 200 pins per game; there was no doubt that Hearther bowled like one inspired for he registered three scores of over 200 out of his five games, a good 209 on his first game, a 210 on his third game and 213 on his fifth game.

Doc Molthen for the Hyjackers during his game, bagged the highest individual score for the match—he made a brilliant 246 on his fifth game—and also has the honour of being the highest scorer for the month in the Alleys. His score sheet shows that he started off

with a spare on his first, second, third frames, and then four strikes in succession on his fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh frames, a spare on his eighth frame, then two strikes on his ninth and 10th frames, and a strike and a 9 with the two extra balls.

There was no doubt about the consistently high standard of bowling of the Daredevils, who registered one of the highest scores for a four-players five-games match registered in these Alleys, that is 3472. On looking back through the records I find that this phenomenal score has only been registered twice before,—for in the Champs versus the Alleys Team played on March 5, 1940—the Champs put up 3580, and in the match Champs versus U.S.S. Gold Star on July 20, 1939, they scored 3491.

Spenko The Star

In the match played on Tuesday night, Chief Petty Officer Spenko, who substituted for L. Gaddi for the Daredevils, was the Star Bowler for his side. He netted a useful 905 and the feature of his bowling was his wonderfully consistent bowling, his lowest for the five games being 175 and his highest 189—his scores were 177, 189, 175, 183, and 181. This score helped very materially in the victory for his team.

Landolt for the Daredevils was also below his usual but his 223 or an average of 165 pins per game helped very materially in

Sappers Beat R.A.S.C. At Soccer

By "Sportshawk"

Displaying good short interpassing by all the forwards and safe clearances by the goalie, Royal Engineers decidedly deserved their victory in a Second Division League football match when they defeated R.A.S.C. by three clear goals at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon. The Sappers scored once before the interval.

Moxham, the former Colony Interporter, played a brilliant game when called upon, but this was very seldom, while Palmer worked very hard throughout in front of him, but Tang Chung-pak made the mistake of underestimating his opponents and came very near to losing goals for the Sappers. Tang, however, came into the picture in the second half

during which period he made but few errors.

The Sappers' pivot, Shaw (Capt.) was the mainstay of the half-back line. He checked his opposing centre-forward, Clarke, very well and gave him very little rope. In the second period when he was fully supported by his right-half, Birrell, Shaw forced the pace and kept the forwards constantly supplied with good passes.

Sappers' Forwards On Form

All the Engineer forwards were on form, though in some instances they appeared to overwork their interpassing. Their timely, unselfish and accurate short passes were, however, worth watching.

Mattison, the keeper for Signals, was very unlucky to have a pair of poor backs in front of him, for, as far as his part was concerned, he did his best. Though he was severely tested, he managed to save on numerous occasions.

Hummond and Smart, the wing-halves, played a sound enough game and held their own positions quite well.

The Signals' forwards had scoring opportunities which they seldom missed. Morgan and Young were the pick of them. These two players apparently overfed Martin, the left-winger, and received insufficient support otherwise they might have at least scored once.

The Scorers

Fox, another former Colony Interporter, scored a quick goal for the Sappers about three minutes after the whistle from a pass from Pelham and the second goal was also netted within three minutes on the resumption by Pelham from a centre from Li Wai-nam, while the last goal was registered in the middle stage through Li Wai-nam from a pass from Fox.

Royal Engineers:—Moxham; Palmer and Tang Chung-pak; Birrell, Shaw and Taylor; Li Wai-nam, Chan Kum-poy, Fox, Pelham and Chung Sing.

R.A.S.C.:—Mattison; Bradshaw and Hamlen; Smart, Murray and Hammond; Glen, Morgan, Clarke, Young and Martin.

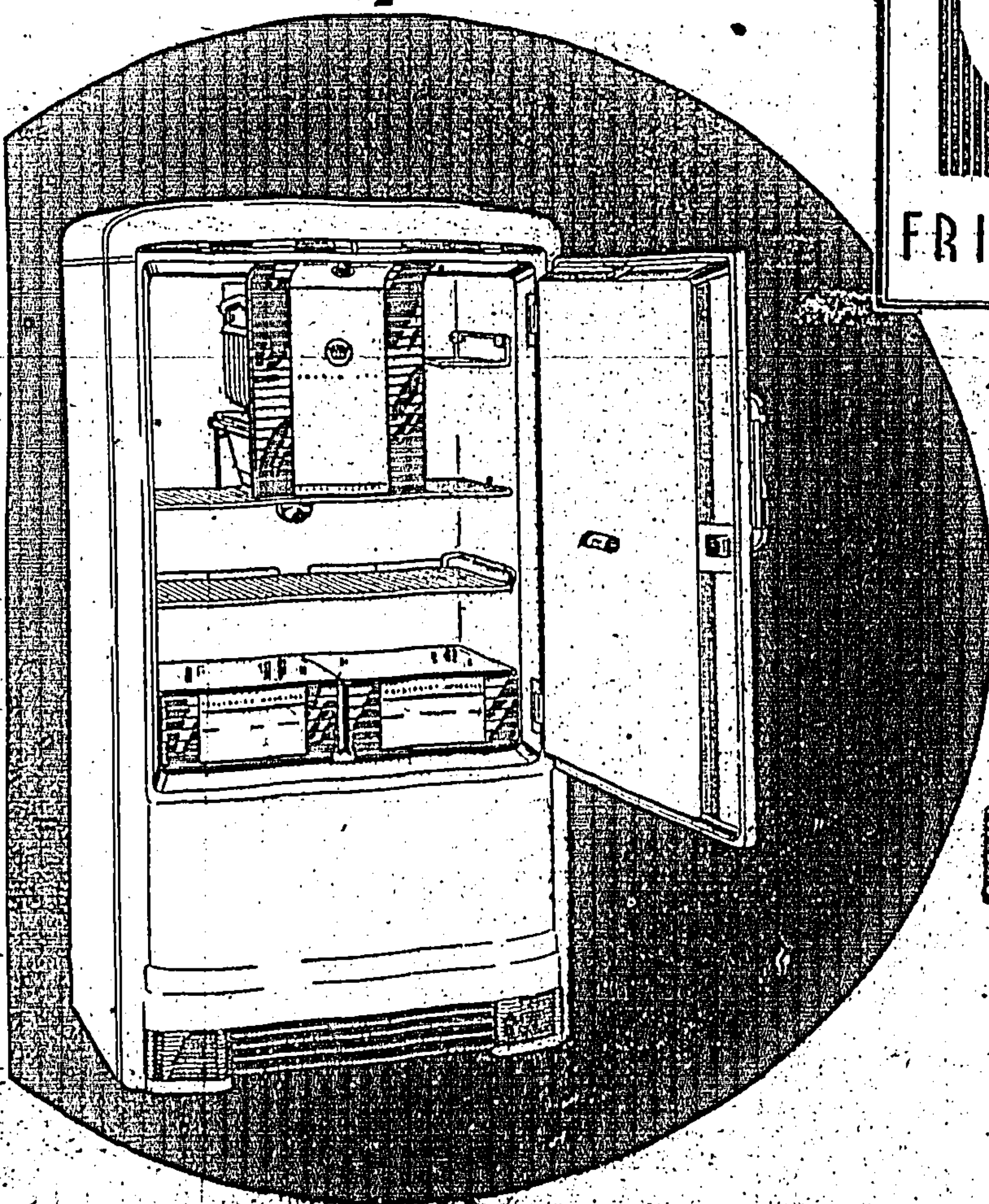
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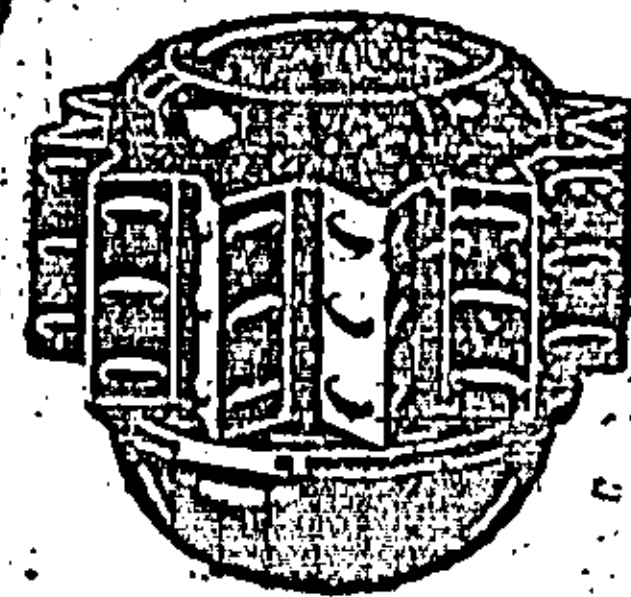
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APPEAL TO MOSLEMS: MOSQUE IN LONDON

An appeal to Moslems all over the world to subscribe generously towards the realisation of "this great and noble project" was broadcast last night by the Egyptian Ambassador in London on behalf of the proposed new Mosque and Islamic cultural centre.

It is estimated that the building will cost about £580,000. The speaker said that despite the great size of London, a large number of Moslem residents there have nowhere where they can keep in touch with Islamic culture, the deficiency particularly being felt by students at British universities. A Committee has been formed and the efforts are being strongly backed by Lord Halifax and Lord Lloyd with the result that the British Government has decided to present a site and the sanctioning of expenditure of £100,000 for this purpose.—Reuter.

SUMMER TIME IN WINTER

Britain is maintaining Summer Time throughout the winter.—Reuter.

Goes On Firing In Blazing Hurricane

THE FIRST VICTORIA CROSS WON BY A FIGHTER PILOT SINCE THE WAR BEGAN HAS BEEN WON BY A PILOT WHO REFUSED TO JUMP FROM A BLAZING HURRICANE 'PLANE UNTIL HE HAD DESTROYED HIS ENEMY.

Moreover, it was his first actual air fight and he had been twice wounded before he engaged his enemy.

He is Flight-Lieutenant D. J. Nicolson.

For 48 hours after the incident, doctors fought for his life, but now he has almost completely recovered.

Thrilling details of his fight given by the Air Ministry News Service show that after chasing a Junkers bomber, he had turned to rejoin his squadron when four shots hit him, one into his left eye. Another exploded his petrol tank setting his Hurricane on fire and a fourth wounded his heel.

As Flight Lieutenant Nicolson turned to avoid further shots, he found a Messerschmidt was right on his gun-sight. Both planes were diving at 400 m.p.h. When Nicolson pressed the gun button, he could see his right thumb blistering in the heat and his left hand which was holding the throttle open was also blistering in the flames.

Terrific Heat

The heat of his burning plane was so great that he had to put his feet on the seat beneath his parachute. The fight continued under these conditions for several minutes until the Messerschmidt

disappeared in a steep dive and, later, witnesses reported they had seen it crash into the sea.

Flight-Lieut. Nicolson, after knocking his head on the hood above him, managed to jump out head first. After several somersaults in the air, he pulled the rip-cord with considerable difficulty.

It took him twenty minutes to reach the ground.

Another Messerschmidt came screaming past, so Nicolson pretended he was dead.

As he was coming down, he thought he would hit a high tension cable, but he managed to manoeuvre in the sky so as to miss it and finally landed in a field.—Reuter.

W.M. TUPPER ALLOWED TO SAIL

DETAINED BY THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY OF OPIUM ON BOARD, THE S.S. W.M. TUPPER WAS ALLOWED TO SAIL FROM HAIPHONG YESTERDAY MORNING.

It is learned that four members of the crew were arrested and taken off the ship.

The vessel was originally fined 25,000 piastres but this amount was later reduced to 18,000 piastres which was paid on Saturday.

The ship was, however, not released and no reason or explanation was given for its continued detention. Yesterday the Time Charterers received information that the ship had obtained permission to sail at 10 a.m.

R.A.F. FUND OPENED

The King and Queen have sent a donation to the R.A.F. pilots' and crews' fund, an appeal for which has been issued by the Auctioneers and Estate Agents Institute of the U.K. under the auspices of the Air Council.

It is hoped to raise by appeal a large enough sum to provide a hostel for children of R.A.F. personnel, or educational grants.

It is felt this fund provides an opportunity for the "so many" to show practical appreciation of the debt they owe to the "so few."—British Wireless.

RUMANIA BOWS AGAIN TO NAZIS

(Continued from Page 1)

man-nation, just as the Rumanian flag is the symbol of the creed of the Rumanian state;

3. Protection for the Nazi Party as a juridical body;

4. Membership of the Party is limited to those who are "German conscious" and are recognised by the leadership;

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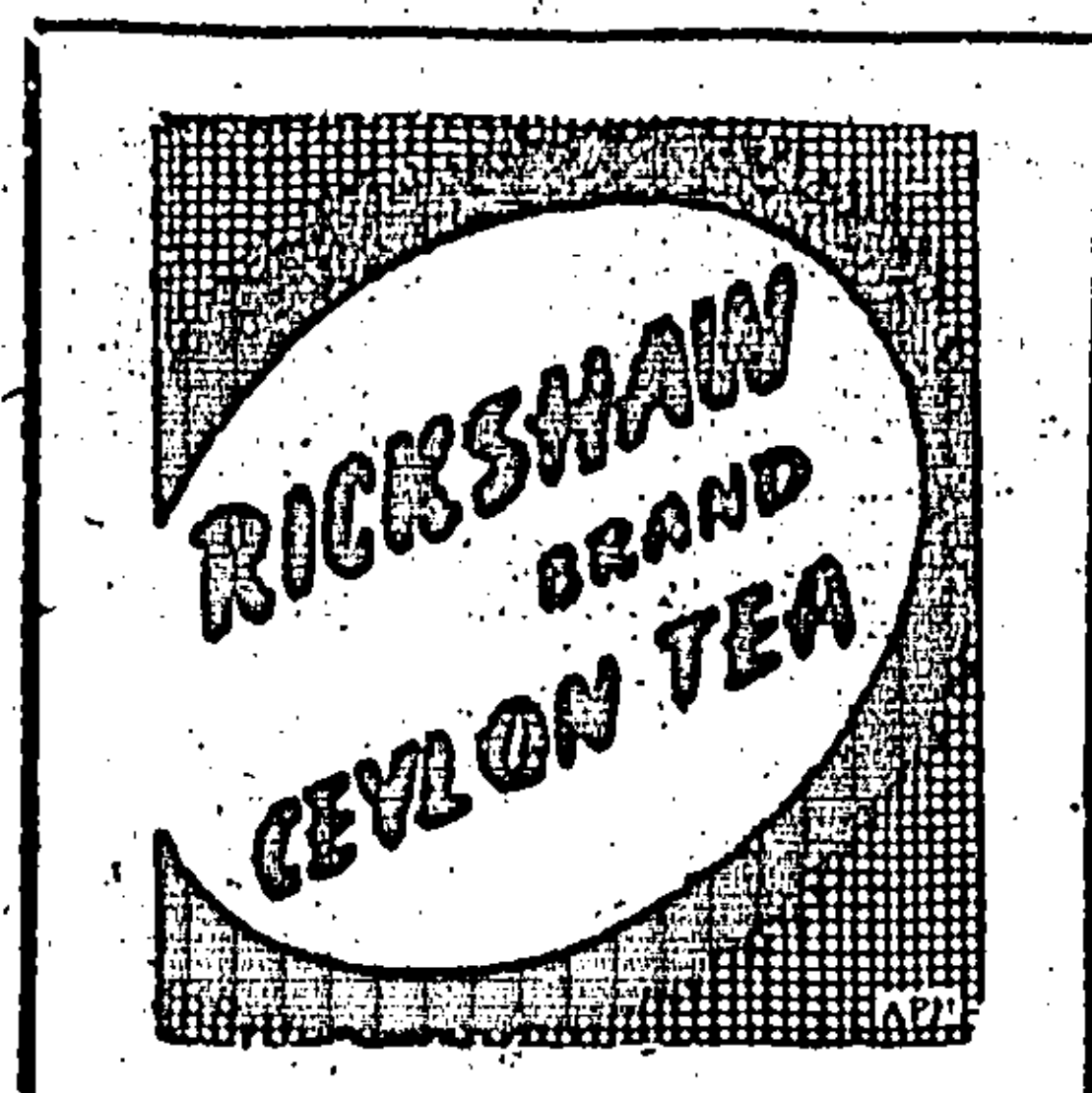
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PACK OF WILD DOGS MARAUDING ROUND SHEK-O

--And "Tiger" At Taimoshan

A TIGER IS BELIEVED TO BE "AT LARGE" IN VILLAGES AROUND THE FOOT OF TAIMOSHAN.

A pack of wild dogs is causing havoc among chickens and tame dogs in the neighbourhood of Shek-O.

These two reports were received by the "China Mail" this morning, and while the tiger story depends chiefly on "howls in the night" and "damage to one cow," more definite information is available from Shek-O, where a well-known resident's dog has been killed.

According to the Taimoshan villagers, for the past few nights fearsome howls have been heard, interspersed with a tiger's cough (it seems to have a cold).

HANOI ALLEGES INVASION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A Hanoi communique claims that a group of Chinese regular troops, strongly armed, crossed the frontier between China and Indo-China in the Third Military District from Hangiang on November 12.

These troops reached the villages of Malunkha and Talung, 20 miles north-east of Hangiang.

Units from the French military post at Dongvan repulsed the Chinese, inflicting heavy casualties, it is claimed.

The Chinese were forced to re-cross the border back into Chinese territory in the afternoon.

French units did not suffer any casualties, the communique concludes. — Havas.

GENERAL WEYGAND AT ORAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Continuing his inspection of the military organisation of French Africa, General Weygand arrived at Oran, by plane from Algiers and, after reviewing the troops, went with the Prefect and the Admiral commanding the Algerian naval force to inspect the naval base at Mers-el-Kebir. — Havas.

A day or so ago, a farmer who went out to milk his cow found it lying bleeding on the ground, a large chunk of its side torn away, apparently from a single bite.

No one has seen the tiger as yet, but the villagers are taking all precautions, staying at home after dark and reinforcing their fences.

Pigs Killed

"Some time ago, a pack of wild dogs, believed to be Alsations, was reported in the vicinity of Tytam and Deep Bay. Nothing has been heard of this pack for some time, and the latest reports indicate that another pack has come into being.

This pack consists of three dogs who hunt together, a large dog some three feet high at the shoulder, with "fierce yellow eyes," and apparently a cross between a Chow and a Golden Setter; a white dog of dubious parentage; and a black spaniel.

A few days ago, the pack attacked and killed a dog owned by Mr. C. Blaker, director of Gilman's, while last night it broke into the backyard of Mr. J. P. Whitham's residence at Shek-O and badly mauled one of his dogs and having to be beaten off by the domestic staff. Mr. Whitham is manager of the Sun Life Insurance Co.

It will be recalled that one of the two packs attacked and killed a dog owned by "Bob" Charles, manager of the St. George's Riding School, some months ago.

Wild Dogs

One pack of wild dogs was also recently reported to be active in the Pokfulam area, where a pig or two and one or two chickens have been killed, but which pack this is, is not definitely known.

While the packs have hitherto confined their attention to other dogs, poultry and farm animals and seem to be afraid of any small party of men, it is not considered advisable for people to walk alone in unfrequented parts at the moment.

SPITFIRE SQUADRON'S TRIUMPH

Twelve Spitfires of one squadron destroyed 13 of the 15 Junkers dive-bombers brought down yesterday, according to the Air Ministry News Service.

They were evidently attempting to attack Dover Harbour. — Reuter.

TARANTO GETS SECOND VISIT

Smarting under their previous disastrous experience of a British raid, ships' guns and port batteries at Taranto opened a terrific barrage when R.A.F. bombers arrived on Wednesday night.

The visitors, however, proceeded with their programme and spotting warships in the harbour in the clear moonlight night, they swooped down from the eastern part to the main docks in the inner harbour which were heavily bombed with high explosives and incendiaries.

At one time seven big fires were blazing together.

On returning, the pilots reported that naval oil tanks and destroyer pens were hit and that one stick of high explosives fell along a wall of the docks where destroyers were tied up.

One of the raiders when on his way home, saw Taranto lit up by an immense flash from an exceptionally great explosion. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI MARKET NERVOUSNESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Shanghai stock exchange experienced a decline yesterday averaging 5 per cent, mainly on rumours of Japanese expansionist policy southwards and the mystery veiling M. Molotov's visit to Berlin. — Havas.

Oddly Frank Statements

JAPANESE NAVAL CIRCLES IN SHANGHAI, INTERVIEWED BY REUTER, DO NOT DENY THE POSSIBILITY OF JAPAN ESTABLISHING HERSELF IN SOUTHERN INDO-CHINA.

Some naval circles even declare that Japan will move in "very shortly."

Apparently, the main object of such a potential move is the use of Saigon and Camranh as advance bases from which to threaten Singapore, or at least British North Borneo, and endeavour to dominate the comparatively narrow stretch of sea between southern Indo-China and North Borneo.

According to one political naval authority, Japan's plans are:

1. To establish herself in Saigon and Camranh;
2. To dominate the sea to North Borneo; and finally
3. If there is any sign of hostilities with Britain, to seize North Borneo, using the fleet from southern Indo-China to cut off assistance from Singapore.

No Japanese naval circles appear at present to envisage an attempt to attack or blockade Singapore.

Japan's Aim

They declare that they would be satisfied if they could effectively cut off Singapore from the East

in this manner, thereby enabling them both to deal with Hong Kong and with British interests in China at their leisure and to ensure that no threat of blockade from Singapore is possible to Japan proper or to Japanese possessions. — Reuter.

Landing Exercises

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Extensive landing exercises are being staged by the Japanese along the coast of Hainan Island, according to reliable messages received from Kwong Chow Wan last night.

WEATHER FORECAST: — N.E. winds, fresh; fine generally.

Refrigeration manufacturers have made tremendous strides in assisting the housewife to achieve correct and scientific preservation of foods. Year by year scientific research in refrigeration has made the task of preserving food easier, more reliable and more efficient. And this year new developments have appeared on the market that offer the housewife revolutionary improvements in home refrigeration.

Authorities on refrigeration as well as operators of commercial cold storage plants have realized that different and better different kinds of food require the best protection and preservation. The new Philco refrigerators and freezers are designed to meet these needs. They are built to keep meats, poultry, fish, and long-stored products fresh and tasty. They are built to keep aged food in order to prevent the growth of bacteria and to keep cold is needed to keep cooked meats from spoiling and drying and to keep the crispness and palatability of fresh vegetables.

Philco manufacturers have been keenly conscious of modern household requirements in designing the 1940 models of their home refrigerators. An outstanding example is the new Philco refrigerator, presenting many remarkable features, which are exclusive and seen for the first time.

Developed in Philco's extensive research laboratories, the new Philco refrigerator has three kinds of cold—dry, moist, and freezing

—and a Philco invention called the conservador, an inner swinging door with ample storage space for quickly needed foods. Scientific measurements show that this unique arrangement gives the housewife twenty-five per cent more quickly usable space and, in addition, acts as a storm door to keep proper refrigeration within the main compartment, thus reducing internal consumption.

The present of Philco's new conservador, and freezers, and the new Philco refrigerator, is a boon to the housewife who takes pride in her household management. The freezing cold section of the Philco is a completely separate compartment, large enough to store countless quantities of frozen foods, ice cream and frozen desserts. In addition, the special compartment for meats is an added convenience which makes the tasks of the woman in the house less arduous. The streamlined design of the Philco gives the busy housewife ample opportunity to keep the most important part of her kitchen immaculate inside and out.

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HITLER'S FAILURE INDICATED

Vaguely Worded Communique Viewed As Eloquent

Could Mean Anything Or Nothing

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

OPINION IN LONDON is that if Hitler had achieved the diplomatic success for which he, no doubt, hoped from the Molotov visit, such as the adherence of Russia to the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Alliance, he would have loudly proclaimed the fact to the world.

The communique issued by the Germans after the visit of the Soviet statesman was, however, extremely vague and could mean anything either side like to read into it or out of it. It seems unlikely, therefore, that Hitler dreams have yet come true.

The cautious wording used would suggest that, in his main object, dictated by the growing British power in the Eastern Mediterranean, Greek resistance and obstinacy from Vichy, Hitler has failed to achieve anything spectacular and that M. Molotov has returned home having conceded little to his importunate neighbour in the political field.

There has no doubt been an attempt by the Germans to increase the industrial help which the Soviet Union might give Germany.

Hitler has reason to be dissatisfied with the help that Russia has been giving him in this direction.

Feeling The Pinch

Germany is feeling the pinch of the British blockade and the effects of the almost nightly bombing of industrial centres and oil plants. No doubt she would be very glad if she could arrange for her planes and munitions to be made somewhere away from the attentions of the R.A.F.

Whether Germany has succeeded in this object only time will show.

Doubtless the Germans would like to score a diplomatic victory to offset the re-election of President Roosevelt, the increasing aid to Britain of the United States and the poor performances of their Italian ally in Greece.

These reasons are now greatly reinforced by the crippling blow dealt to Italy's fleet by the Fleet Air Arm of the Royal Navy.

Neutral Comment

According to Stockholm messages, publication of the results of M. Molotov's visit to Berlin will be withheld until a later date.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Dagens Nyheter" deduces from M. Molotov's satisfied air that it indicates that a general agreement has been reached, and also that the Russian attitude towards Britain has been fixed.

Russian circles in Berlin, says the correspondent, consider that it is now evident that Anglo-Russian collaboration is not likely, but they do not believe Russia is inclined to join the Three-Power Alliance in its present stage.

Outside Conflict

She will apparently continue to keep herself outside the conflict, though quite willing to see more "capitalistic" States involved.

The correspondent adds that it is believed in these circles that Germany's efforts are directed towards making Russia a source of supply, counter-balancing America's supplies of materials to Britain.—Reuter.

First Soviet Comment

"The most significant event of recent days" is the description of M. Molotov's visit to Berlin given

in the newspaper "Red Star," in Moscow yesterday.

This is the first Russian paper to comment on the visit.

The "Red Star" says: "German and Italian newspapers declare that the visit is of first-class importance. Doubtless, the renewal of personal contact and friendly exchange of opinions with the leaders of German policy, will promote, strengthen and develop German-Soviet relations in the interests of both countries."

No Immediate Results

The German Radio yesterday said that Ribbentrop has had conversations during the past few days with the Japanese and Turkish Ambassadors.

Unofficial Berlin circles say that there will be no immediate results from the Hitler/Molotov talks and hint at another meeting between Hitler and Mussolini.—Reuter.

ITALIAN AIR FORCE FAILURE

Successful work by naval fighter aircraft during recent operations in the Mediterranean resulted in at least three enemy aircraft being destroyed and others damaged without any British losses.

This is announced in an Admiralty communique which says that one Italian aircraft carrying out shadowing duties was damaged and shot down in the sea on November 8 and a formation of seven aircraft approaching the Fleet was driven off, one being shot down.

On November 9, one enemy aircraft was destroyed.

On November 10, another was destroyed and a further one damaged.

Enemy planes dropped bombs in the vicinity of the Fleet without causing damage or casualties.—Reuter.

SERIOUS VIEW OF CASE TAKEN

Chu King, 42, Yeung On, 42, and Wong Yung, alias Wong Ming, 30, were charged before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett this morning, with conspiring to steal a telephone table belonging to the Military authorities.

Detective Sergeant T. Cushman, who indicated that the case may be for committal, asked for 72 hours remand.

GERMAN DIVISION IN SPAIN?

GERMANY HAS A WHOLE DIVISION IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES IN SPAIN AND AN "ATTACK ON GIBRALTAR IS A LIKELY EVENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE," STATED COLONEL FRANK KNOX, UNITED STATES NAVY MINISTER, IN A POWERFUL SPEECH IN BOSTON, ADVOCATING INCREASED ATTENTION TO NATIONAL DEFENCE.

Colonel Knox expressed the view that if the Axis were successful against Gibraltar, they might make attempts to move down into South Africa.

Concerning United States preparedness, Colonel Knox stated that the American Fleet was "the strongest to-day that floats — it is not only stronger but, thank God, it is ready." — Reuter.

FUTURE OF MIDDLE EAST SAFE

--Says Mr. Eden

THE WAR SECRETARY has sent a special message to relations and friends of what he referred to as "essentially an Imperial Army" in the Middle East.

Members of this army, Mr. Eden said, faced the future with the utmost confidence and he was able to report that the standard of health was good.

Mr. Eden recounted how he had seen volunteers from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Palestine, Cyprus, Mauritius and Malta, all of whom come of their own free will to play their part.

"I told our forces in a special message before I left that the future in the Middle East was safe in their hands and I can tell you there is much more reason for that confidence than there was a short time ago.

For our men in that part of the world are growing in numbers continuously. They have more and better weapons and they know how to use them.

No one should underestimate the task they are called upon to perform, it is immensely formidable. But with every week that passes, our forces are better trained and equipped to carry it through to victory."

Mr. Eden spoke of the pleasure given him in meeting General Smuts.

"In the far off days of the last war, many of us from other parts of the Empire felt there were qualities in him which made him the leader of us all, a brave and sure guide in times of peril and difficulty.

It was of the greatest value to me at Khartoum to be able to take counsel with a statesman of these rare qualities of vision, wisdom and courage." — British Wireless.

TERRORIST OUTRAGE IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The seventh terrorist attempt in several days occurred early yesterday afternoon in Hongkew (the Japanese-occupied district of Shanghai) when an unknown gunman wounded a Japanese officer in front of the Japanese Residents' Association clinic.

Two shots struck the Japanese officer in the shoulder.

Turmoil broke out in Hongkew immediately, as the Japanese threw a cordon around the scene in an attempt to block completely all traffic in the area.—Havas.

BURGLARS ARMED WITH BUTCHER'S KNIVES

Residents at No. 2, Ying Fai Terrace, were held up by four men armed with butcher's knives, at about 3.30 a.m. to-day.

The men gained entrance by removing a pane of glass from the window. Their haul was limited to a watch and a small amount of money, the total loss being \$150.

NO SIGN OF JITTERS IN TURKEY

The Turks are showing no signs of intimidation despite the probability that Turkey and Greece were very much in the picture at M. Molotov's conversations in Berlin, according to Spanish newspaper correspondents in Berlin.

It is stated that Turkey is becoming increasingly pro-British and that "it is not to be doubted that the Turkish Embassy in Berlin is playing every possible card with skill and coolness."

In Spain, the prevailing view is that the talks have a two-fold object; firstly, Germany wishes to induce Russia to exercise sufficient pressure on Turkey to enable the Germans to have a freer hand in the Balkans, and secondly, Germany desires to obtain Russia's adherence to the "two continent bloc." — Reuter.

ON VISIT TO DECOUX

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

M. Roger Garreau, Counsellor of the French Legation at Bangkok, has arrived in Hanoi, where he will be the guest of the Governor-General, Admiral Decoux.

He is an expert on Indo-China matters, having headed the Foreign Affairs Service of the Government-General of Indo-China from 1927 to 1931.—Havas

GEN. CATROUX'S STRONG APPEAL TO FRENCHMEN

A STRONG PLEA for French cooperation with Britain was made by General Catroux, former Governor-General of French Indo-China, who was a brilliant fighter in the Riff war and is now one of the leading Free French officers, in a broadcast from Cairo last night.

"France is still able to continue the war, and if she were to continue she would win and achieve resurrection," he said.

He added that fighting is proceeding at the gates of Egypt from which Free France could not be absent.

"That is why I am here. That is why General De Gaulle would have been here this moment if he had not been called back to London."

Referring to the Franco/German peace negotiations, General Catroux said that the peace offered by Germany was a peace of opportunity leading to France as a German Ally against Britain.

It was suggested that the French Government should undertake the conquest of the Colonies which had joined Free France, so that by this devious route conflict should break out between France and Britain, that war should result, and that France should thus become the tool of the Axis Powers, and should hand over to them pos-

sessions and facilities they coveted in the Mediterranean.

General Catroux is in Egypt for a conference with the British authorities and the leaders of the Free French movement in that country.—Reuter.

MEN OF 36 TO REGISTER

Men of 36 will register for service on November 16. This announcement was made by the Ministry of Labour and National Service yesterday.

This class will include a great many men who are already doing work of national importance and will not be eligible to join the fighting services.—British Wireless.

SECRET OF CRIPPLING RAID ON ITALY'S NAVY

Concentrated Torpedo Attack From Massed Machines

By Ralph Walling, Reuter's Air Correspondent.

I AM ABLE TO GIVE THE FIRST AUTHORITATIVE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BRILLIANT ACTION AT TARANTO, FROM TALKS WITH THE BEST INFORMED NAVAL CIRCLES.

It is possible to say for instance that the raid produced a startlingly successful consummation of 'plans which had been prepared for several weeks before.

From the information so far available, the aircraft-carriers "Eagle" and "Illustrious" (the latter mentioned for the first time as having been brought into commission) are believed to have stopped, under cover of darkness, almost in the mouth of the Gulf of Taranto.

Here torpedo-carrying aircraft were hauled up to the flight deck and made ready for a daring, unprecedented adventure.

The Italians had to be surprised and to gain the maximum possible effect the attack had to be delivered by as many 'planes as could possibly concentrate on the target at one time.

This entailed take-off in rapid succession and probably formation flying in groups of at least half a dozen 'planes. Afterwards the 'planes were required to enter formation again to find their floating base and land on the aircraft-carriers.

Greatest Skill

For all this to be accomplished in darkness, without giving away the presence of the aircraft-carriers required the greatest skill of well-trained pilots.

The character of the damage inflicted on the Italian battleships indicates that torpedoes chiefly were used, hitting the warships below water at their most thinly protected points as they released their torpedoes towards the darkened sides of battleships and cruisers, looming through the moonlight.

All but two of the attacking 'planes made a happy landing on the deck of their mother ships and their crews were delighted beyond measure at the success of the first major aerial torpedo attack of this war.—Reuter.

Italian Communique

The Italians admitted the attack in a communique yesterday and also mentioned raids on Bologna and Durazzo, Cagliari, and the island of Pantellaria, half-way between Malta and North Africa. The Italians have not yet said anything about the attack on a convoy in the Straits of Otranto, in which one Italian supply ship was sunk, two set on fire, a fourth damaged, and the two escorting destroyers sent flying home, one of them damaged.—Reuter.

A Great Success

"The British raid on Taranto must be admitted a great success," declared a Captain in the Soviet Navy in an interview quoted by the Moscow Radio.

He added that the establishment in Corfu of bases about 100 miles from the Italian bases placed the British in a much better position to strike at the Italian army. He also said that the aerial torpedo was a much more effective weapon against warships than a bomb, as it can hit the vulnerable under-water parts.—Reuter.

WELFARE OF SEAMEN

Voluntary societies concerned with the welfare of seamen are assisting the Minister of Labour and the Seamen's Welfare Board, which has been set up to advise him on problems affecting the welfare of seamen. The societies have appointed a representative central consultative council to consider the problems involved and to provide a channel of communication between voluntary organisations and the Ministry of Labour.—British Wireless.

U.S. FACTORY EXPLOSIONS

Commenting on the factory explosions in the United States on Thursday, Henry Stimson, the U.S. Secretary for War, said yesterday that "they might have suggested Teutonic efficiency." He added that beyond this suggestion there was no indication of sabotage.—Reuter.

PATROLS ACTIVE IN THE SUDAN

A Cairo communique states:—"Egypt, Kenya and Palestine: Nothing to report. Sudan: In the Kassala and Galabat areas the situation remains unchanged although our fighting patrols continue actively to engage the enemy who are also suffering casualties from our artillery fire."—British Wireless.

BRITISH BOMBING RAID ON BERLIN

BRITISH BOMBERS reached Berlin soon after 8 p.m. E.S.T. on Wednesday night and, for some twenty minutes, subjected objectives in the centre of the city, as well as Schlesischer station and a junction in the Potsdam area, to swift assault. Grunewald sorting yards were also attacked and six large fires started.

Bad weather hindered the bomb-aimers as well as handicapping the defence and both relied on occasional clear patches in a heavily overcast sky.

No raiding aircraft were hit and they managed to reach their targets as fires and explosions testified.

Elsewhere over Germany, weather conditions were even worse, attacking forces having encountered fog, rain, snow and violent electrical storms.

A heavy attack was, however,

DETECTIVE OPENS FIRE IN TAI HANG

An attempt to rob a taxi driver last night was frustrated by Detective Sergeant Lam Hon, who arrested two men who surrendered themselves after he had emptied his revolver.

In answer to a call the driver of a Star taxi went to No. 294, Johnston Road at about 10 p.m. last night. There two Chinese boarded and ordered him to proceed to Wang Fung Terrace in Tai Hang.

In Wang Fung Terrace, one of the men pulled out a "revolver" (which later turned out to be a toy) and demanded the driver's cash. The driver replied by raising an alarm and the detective, who was on patrol in the vicinity, rushed up. The two men then ran towards the hill with the detective in pursuit.

He fired six rounds from his revolver and caused them to surrender.

They will probably be charged at the Central Magistracy to-morrow morning.

FRENCH WOMEN'S CORPS

French women in Britain are to form a special corps to help the Free French cause.

It will be equivalent to the British Women's Auxiliary Services and member will principally act as cooks, clerks, typists and chauffeurs, relieving men of the Free French Forces for active service.—Reuter.

DEFENCE NEEDS ABOVE AN M.P.'S PRIVILEGES

Members of Parliament are not exempted by privilege of parliament from detention under the Defence Regulations.

This principle was upheld by the Committee of Privileges in their report published in London yesterday, which stated that the detention of Captain Ramsay does not constitute a breach of privilege of the House of Commons.—Reuter.

THEFT OF CAT

Charged with the theft of a cat, Ku Kuen, 30, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour at Kowloon this morning.

Two cases of cholera (from Victoria), 43 (one imported) cases of tuberculosis, 10 of dysentery, four of diphtheria, two each of measles and typhoid and one of small-pox, were notified yesterday.

STARTLING KENNEDY INTERVIEW

President Roosevelt has declined to accept the resignation of Mr. William Bullitt, as United States Ambassador to France.

In an announcement yesterday, Mr. Bullitt says he submitted his resignation on November 7, but the President intimated that he wished him to remain in office.

Earlier in the day it had been reported in Washington that Mr. Bullitt might be offered the post of Ambassador in London in succession to Mr. Joseph Kennedy, whose interview in Boston, in which he is reported to have said that democracy in Britain is dead and which has been strongly condemned, is considered to have destroyed his official usefulness. Mr. Kennedy himself is obviously not anxious to return to London.—Reuter.

LULL IN JAPANESE TERROR RAIDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A number of Japanese aeroplanes circled over Chungking yesterday without dropping any bombs.

The continued lull in Japanese bombing attacks on Chinese cities is puzzling the population, who cannot understand the respite.—Havas.

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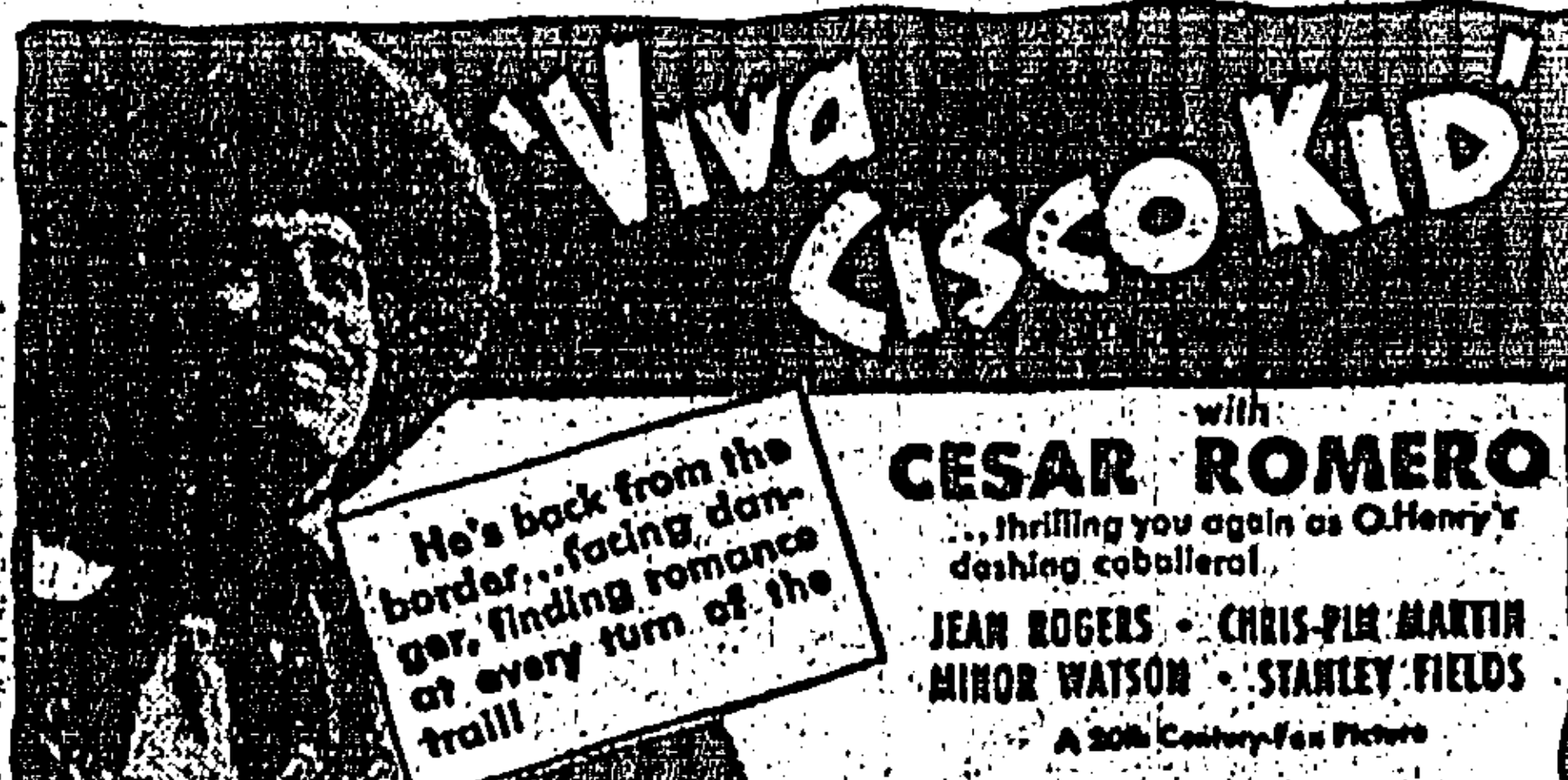
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TABLES TURNED IN MEDITERRANEAN: INITIATIVE CHANGING

(By Reuter's Military Correspondent)

IN THE PAST FEW DAYS EVENTS, BOTH
NAVAL AND MILITARY, IN THE MEDITER-
RANEAN, HAVE MADE A DEFINITE CHANGE
TOWARDS THE NEW BALANCE OF POWER.

In no country will the change be seen
more quickly than in Egypt where the battle
of Taranto particularly will have repercus-
sions.

Whereas up till recently, the threat to
Alexandria seemed immediate, now on land
as well as sea, the balance appears to be turn-
ing the other way.

It is now clear that when Italy
declared war on Greece she was
strong enough for an immediate
offensive. Her Koritz divisions
alone included 24,000 veteran Al-
pinis. They were later joined by
the Centaurie division of tanks
and motor-cycle units—a total of
25,000 picked men.

These divisions are now strug-
gling through the Pindus gorges
in a demoralised state. Whether
or not the Greeks can continue
their local successes and capture
Koritz, the entire situation in the
Adriatic has already been altered
in the Allies' favour.

Italian Morale

The same may be said of Africa.
The fall of Gallabat was well
timed with the Taranto action al-
though its influence may be small-
er on the strategic plan.

What must be even more dis-
turbating to the Italian morale is
the continual British naval air
force attacks on Benghazi and To-
bruk.

The Italian Army at Libya
depends for its supplies on sea-
borne traffic and drums of oil
and water, laboriously amassed,
will not last indefinitely in
Libya, Abyssinia and Somal-
land, if sea communications are
denied.

It is too soon yet to be opti-
mistic about the British situation
in the Middle East, General Wavell
has a tremendous task ahead.
Nevertheless, this week's opera-
tions have helped greatly towards
his final goal.—Reuter.

RUMANIAN FORCES DE-MOBBED

RUMANIAN ARMED FORCES
MOBILISED AT THE TIME OF
THE CESSION OF BESSARABIA
AND NORTHERN BUKOVINA
TO THE SOVIET, ARE BEING
DEMOLIBSED UNDER A
DECREE ISSUED BY THE PRIME
MINISTER, GENERAL AN-
TONESCU, SAYS A BUCHAREST
MESSAGE TO THE GERMAN
NEWS AGENCY.

The demobilisation begins at
2 p.m. to-day.

The decree was signed by
General Antonescu before he
left for his visit to Rome, but
was not published until yester-
day.

The message adds that the
Rumanian Minister for Defence
is authorised to call up reservists
and make requisitions in case
of need.—Reuter.

HOLLAND FINANCING WAR EFFORT

The Dutch Government, in
addition to paying for its own
armed forces now fighting with
Britain, is also meeting the cost
of all equipment for the Dutch
fighting forces.

In order to increase revenue,
an appeal has been made to
Dutchmen all over the world to
pay voluntary "income tax" on the
proceeds from which the govern-
ment will cover the cost of the essen-
tial services of the war effort.
—Reuter.

CAPTAIN RAMSAY'S CASE

The detention of Cap-
tain Ramsay, M.P., who
was arrested under the
Defence Regulations last
May, has been the subject
of an investigation by the
Committee of Privileges
of the House of Commons,
and the committee issued
its report yesterday after-
noon.

The Committee states that it is
of the opinion that the detention
of Captain Ramsay under Regula-
tion 18-B is not a breach of the
privileges of the House.

It found no support for the view
that an M.P. escaped by privilege
from detention under the Defence
Regulations of 1939.

In his evidence, Captain Ram-
say, in connection with an allega-
tion by another M.P. that he had
been appointed "Gauleiter" for
Scotland, said that "there is not
a shred of truth in that statement."
—Reuter.

PURCHASES IN CANADA

BRITAIN HAS AGREED TO
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WORTH OF FOOD PRODUCTS
FROM CANADA DURING THE
SECOND YEAR OF THE WAR,
SAYS AN OTTAWA MESSAGE.

This total takes no account of
wheat purchases.

In making this announcement
in the Canadian House of Com-
mons yesterday, Mr. J. G. Gar-
diner, Minister of Agriculture,
said that he saw prospects of sell-
ing about 16,000,000 bushels of
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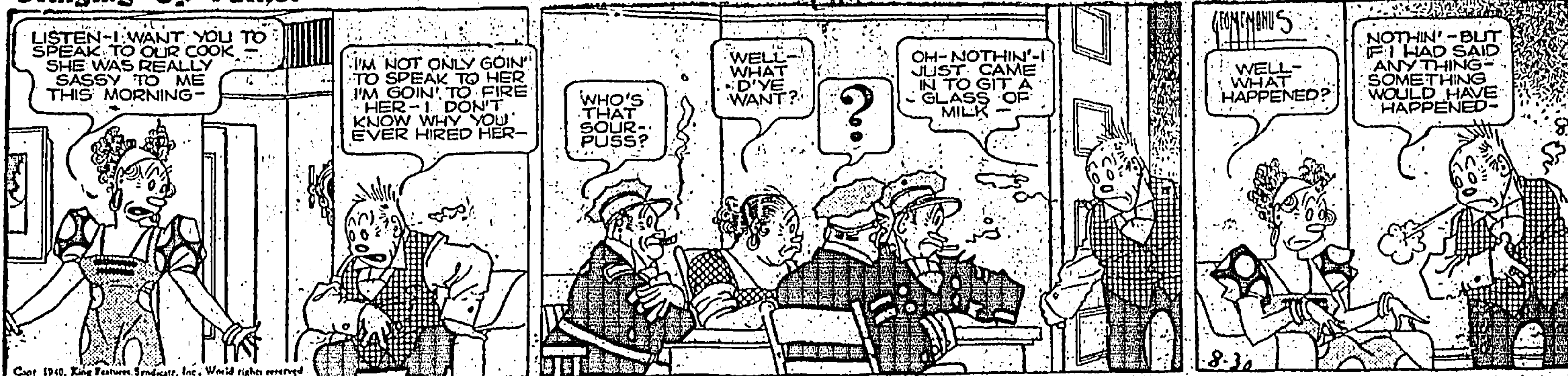


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Greek Advance On The Entire Front

THE ITALIANS have continued to retreat in the Pindus sector and are now back in Albania, where they began, according to information reaching London last night. The Greeks are still rounding up remnants of the routed Alpini Division.

Maintenance of the Greek advance was officially confirmed in London yesterday, where it was stated that Greek infantry have reached the Albanian frontier about two miles north-east of Konitsa. Operations are continuing.

The Italians are also still retreating on the Adriatic coast, in the Epirus sector, where the Greeks have advanced in front of Mazaraki and are still pushing the Fascists back to the Kalamas River.

An Athens message says that Greek bombers have attacked the aerodrome at the Albanian city of Koritza, destroying several planes on the ground and shooting down one Italian bomber. — Reuter.

British Aid

COMMENTING ON AXIS PROPAGANDA WHICH IS SNEERING AT BRITISH HELP FOR GREECE, THE ATHENS NEWS-PAPER "HESTIA" POINTS OUT THAT ONLY WHEN HOSTILITIES BEGAN DID GREECE ASK FOR BRITISH ASSISTANCE.

The paper acidly comments: — "Although Britain and Italy both guaranteed the integrity of Greece, Britain alone honoured her signature!" — Reuter.

ALLEGATION AGAINST CONSTABLE

AN ALLEGATION THAT THE POLICE CONSTABLE WHO SEARCHED HIM IN THE CHARGE ROOM, TOOK 79 CENTS FROM HIS POCKET, WAS MADE BY A PRISONER IN THE KOWLOON COURT THIS MORNING WHEN HE WAS SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS' HARD LABOUR FOR RETURNING FROM BANISHMENT.

The Magistrate, Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, ordered the prosecuting officer, Sergeant Alexander, to make enquiries into the allegation.

Accused, Wan Hon-ping, 56, when hearing the police state that he had only two cents in his property list, made the allegation stating that he had seven ten-cent pieces and 11 one-cent pieces when he was arrested by P.C. 363, who searched him in the Charge Room.

POLAND'S POLICY

THE POLISH BRIGADE STANDS ALONGSIDE THE BRITISH IN THE MIDDLE EAST READY TO FIGHT ANY WHO DECLARES THAT POLAND HAS BEEN LIQUIDATED. DECLARED GENERAL SIKORSKI, AT A LUNCHEON AT GROSVENOR HOUSE GIVEN IN HONOUR OF POLAND YESTERDAY.

The peace which will conclude the war, he said, must not be a peace of vengeance, but an act of justice excluding armed conflicts between nations for many generations.

We Poles are not only fighting to get back our country; we have wider aspirations of which we have already given definite proofs, by the comprehensive understanding with Czechoslovakia, thus beginning a real federation of European powers. — Reuter.

CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

Conditions were cheerful on the London stock exchange yesterday, the upward trend being accentuated by the Navy's Mediterranean success.

Industrials showed widespread, substantial gains; Kaffir's continued to meet with support; oils attracted more attention; and rubber and tin shares were in demand at higher levels.

Among foreigners, South American was again prominent. Wall Street was narrowly irregular. — Reuter.

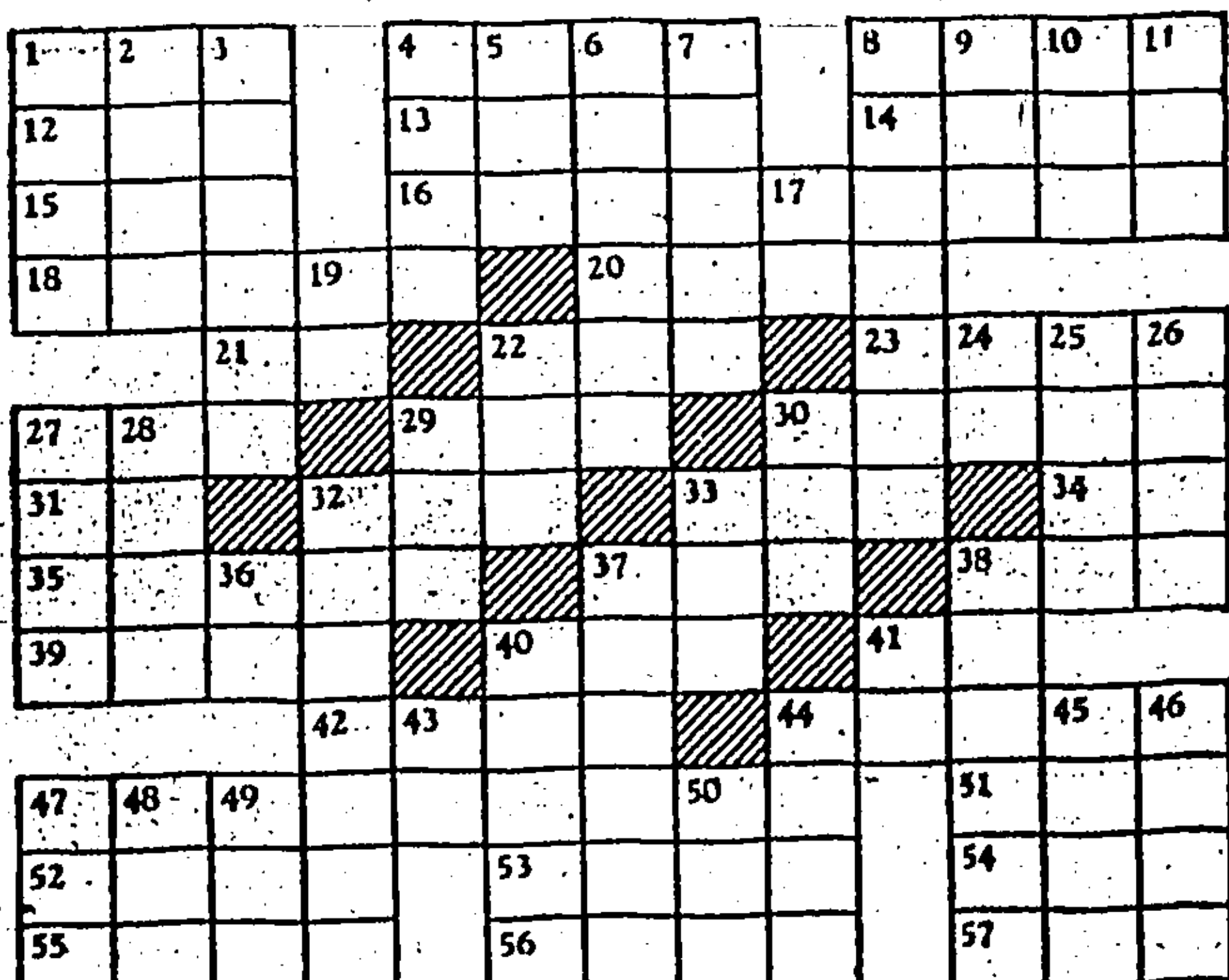
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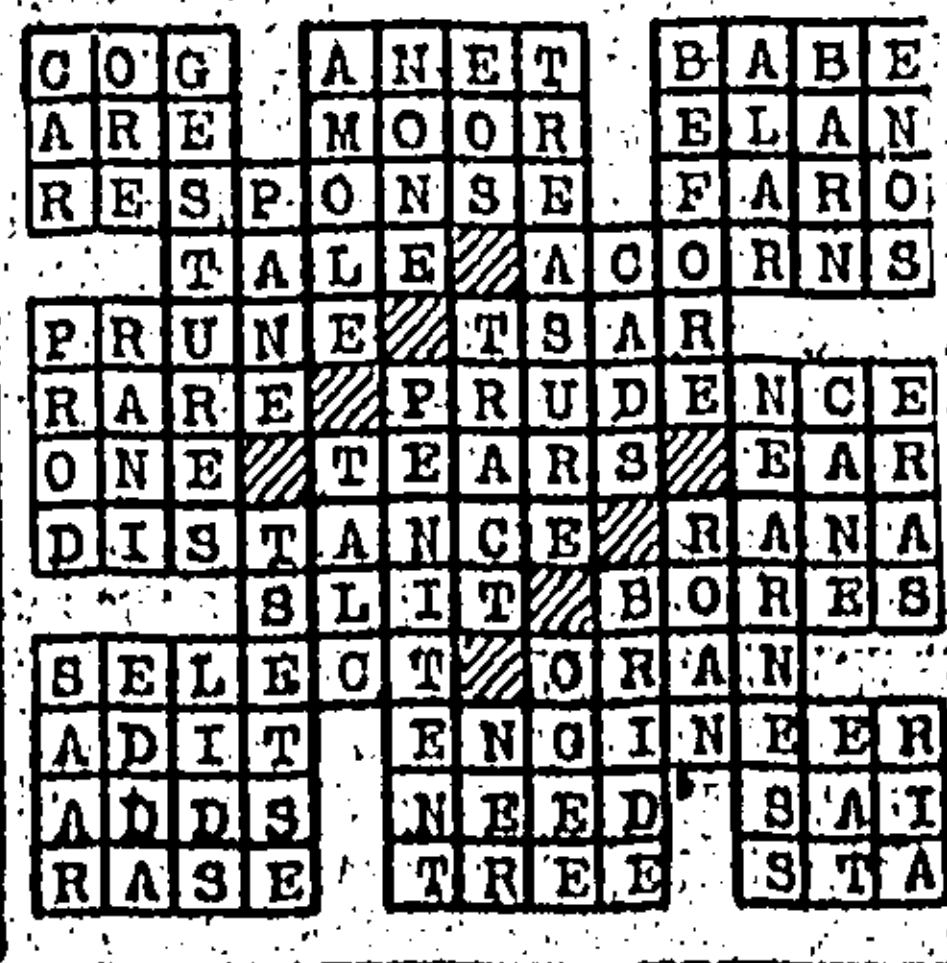


- HORIZONTAL**
- Dance step
 - Wrong
 - To close violently
 - Sleeveless garment
 - Genus of maples
 - Mohammedan judge
 - Tennis score
 - Pilot
 - Smarting sensation
 - Greek coin
 - Artificial language
 - To piece out
 - To give forth
 - Fish eggs
 - To colour
 - Positive voltaic pole
 - Four
 - Small
 - To hasten
 - French article
 - To wed
 - Rocky crag
 - Nourished
 - Appellation of Athena
 - Offer
 - Symbol for iron
 - Medicinal plant

- South American dance
- Harmoniousness
- Spanish hero
- Son of Eve
- Close to
- High priest
- Religious ceremony
- Musical composition
- Sprinted

- VERTICAL**
- To enact, as a law
 - To assist
 - Irony
 - Taste
 - Peruvian tuber
 - To cancel
 - Clan
 - Kind of triangle
 - Hindu pillar

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



- Bustle
- Russian commune
- Prizefight
- Japanese drama
- Head organ
- Japanese coin
- Not working
- Placed on a mound
- Narrow opening
- Elliptical
- Chief of the janizaries
- Melody
- To brawl
- Receptacle for carrying bricks
- Concerning
- Neater
- Duellist
- Hardest part
- Note of scale
- Land measure
- Novice
- Southwestern river
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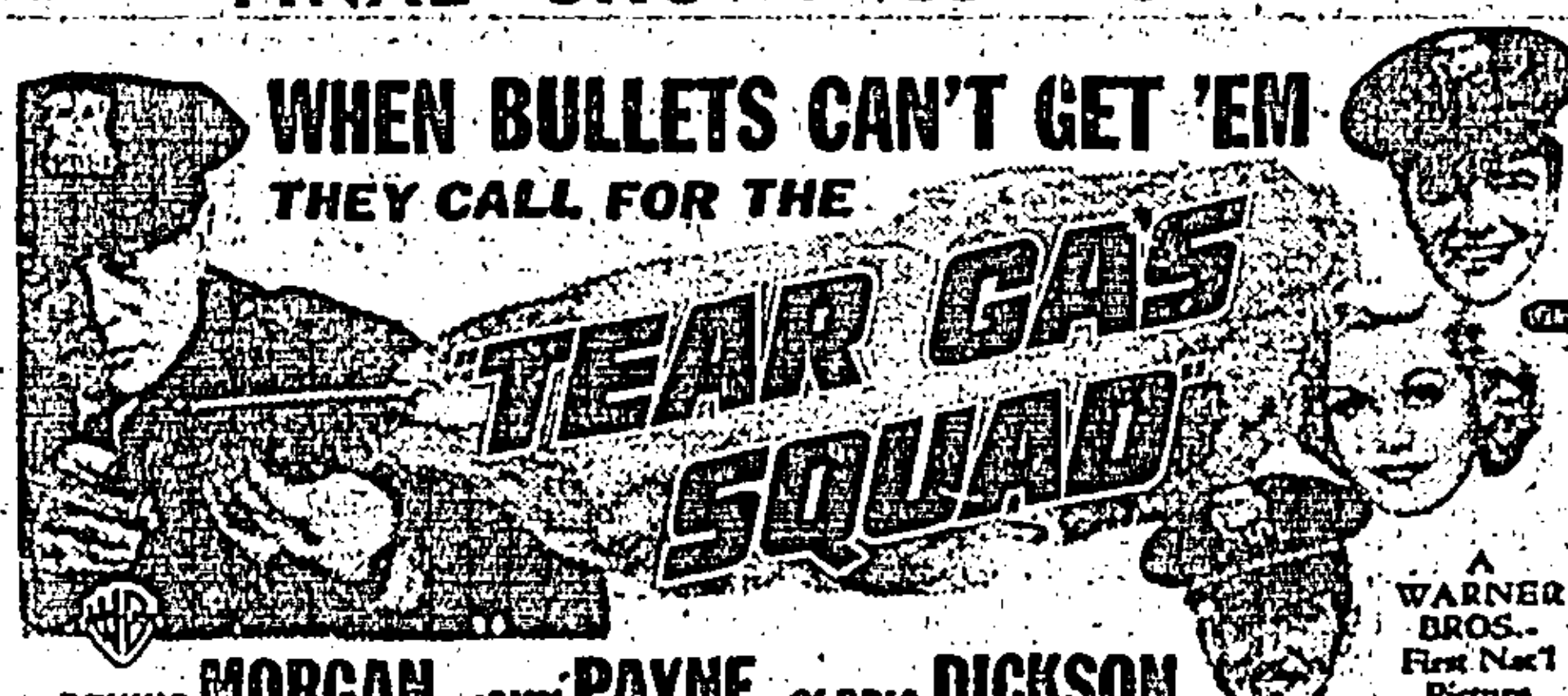
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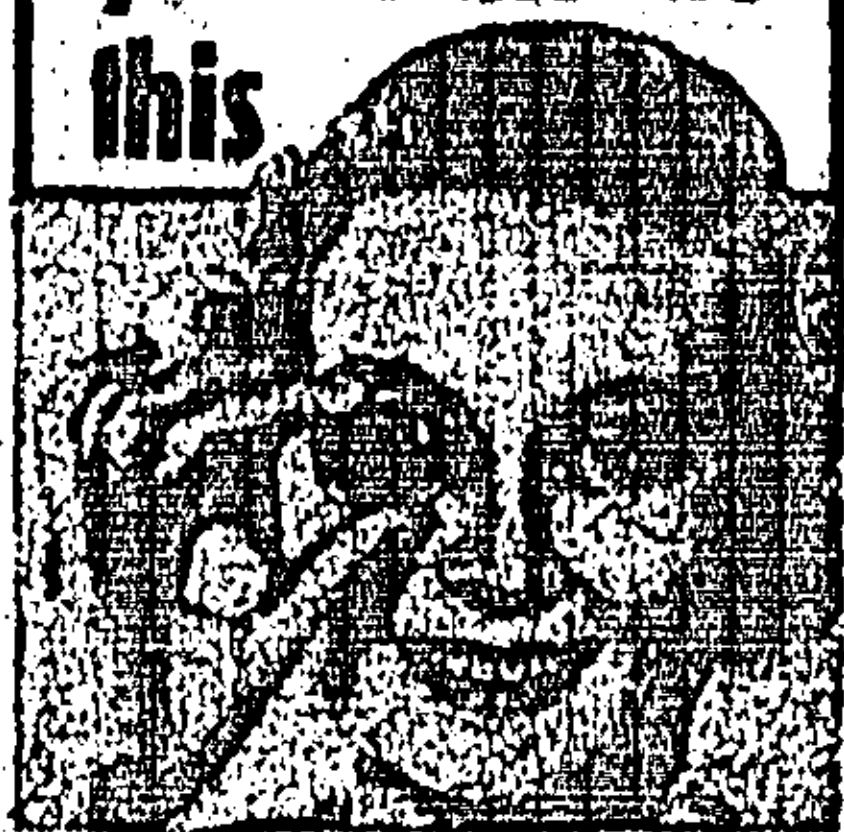
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JAPAN MISSED CHANGE IN DUTCH INDIES

JAPAN HAS "missed the boat" in the Netherlands East Indies, say important oil men in close contact with Far Eastern affairs.

If Japan had attacked the Dutch island colonies on May 10—the day Adolf Hitler started into the Netherlands—a Nipponese conquest would have been a pushover.

But the day of opportunity for quick conquest of the Indies, rich in oil, tin, and rubber, has now passed, these oil experts say.

Japan's principal interest in the East Indies is oil, a war need. And now plans are said to be complete for quick destruction, by radio signal of indefensible Indies oil fields, and for defence of the vital fields in Java, which the Colonial Government would try to save.

Here's what has happened in the islands during the past five months, as the oil executives here understand it:

Since May 10, Netherlands East Indies fighting forces have been increased from 65,000 to an aggregate of 100,000 men.

The naval force of four cruisers, 12 destroyers, 18 submarines and 100 or so small torpedo boats has been expanded.

Great Britain has stationed more "patrol" ships at nearby Singapore, a stone's throw away.

The Air Force—made up principally of American-built planes—has been increased from 150 machines on May 10 to more than 400 fighting craft. The new ships are of the latest type, in large part Martin bombers and Lockheed fighters.

There are three major oil fields in the Indies—on the islands of Borneo, Sumatra and Java. Harbours and areas outside harbours on all three islands since May have been heavily mined.

Oil fields and refineries in Borneo and Sumatra have been mined. Defences have been strengthened around the oil fields in Java, which the Dutch are prepared to defend.

"It is oil alone that has attracted Japan in the Indies," one expert on Far Eastern petroleum affairs said. "In both Borneo and Sumatra there is oil, swamp and natives. In Java there is oil, too, but also in Java there live 50,000,000 of the Indies' 70,000,000 inhabitants.

"Five Or Six Years"

"In case of Japanese invasion, some effort would be expended to defend oil fields in Borneo and Sumatra. But if Japan should come down in full force, oil properties on both islands would be destroyed. They will be wrecked so that they cannot be rebuilt again in less than five or six years.

"To get command of oil in Java, which the Indies will defend, an invading force of at least 200,000 men would be needed. Remember that war as it is fought to-day requires landing of an average of 15 tons of supplies for each invader stepping on shore if the invasion is to stick. Java's 100,000 army regulars and trained reservists are ready now to repel an invasion attempt. They have protecting mine fields, anti-aircraft guns, and 'planes."

United States investments in the Indies total around \$90,000,000 to-day, of which 50 per cent represents oil.

Oil Wells Mined

"American petroleum engineers showed the oil men in Borneo, Sumatra and Java how to mine an oil well so that it could be put out of business plenty long," he said. "In the last war, oil wells were mined three or four hundred feet down. This time new United States-developed methods enable wells to be mined right. It took expert oil drillers seven or eight years to reach pools several thousand feet below land-level in the Indies when the wells were developed. It would take almost as long to re-drill them once they were blown up with present 'mines."

Four armed men robbed a farmer last night of all his money and valuable articles when they raided his house in Tai-po Market. The men escaped.

BRITISH CONVOY

Facts And Nazi Fiction

The news that 30 ships of the convoy of 38 vessels escorted by H.M.S. Jervis Bay are safe in port throws an interesting light on the technique of German High Command in composing communications.

On November 8, the German home radio made a special announcement at 11.15 hours, stating that "German surface warships operating in the Atlantic had completely annihilated a British convoy operating on the Western British supply line."

Two hours later, a High Command communiqué added that British merchant tonnage had thus been reduced by 86,000 tons in the space of a few hours.

This figure, which represents neither the total tonnage of the convoy nor the tonnage of ships actually sunk by the German vessel, is typical of estimates disseminated by the Germans after their attacks on shipping.

A further radio message on the same day indulged in even more extravagant assumptions based on the fact that no further news followed the "SOS" messages from Rangitiki, 16,690 tons, and Cornish City, nearly 5,000 tons.

The German radio added that the assumption that the whole British convoy was destroyed "is now confirmed by the German High Command, leading to the assumption that the German action was very swift. United States radio stations did not even receive SOS messages from the other vessels sunk."

In fact Rangitiki and Cornish City are among the ships already ready safe in port.

The assumption that they had been sunk and with them all ships which sent out no message indicates the unsubstantial character of the evidence upon which the German High Command is prepared to base its reports. — British Wireless.

APPEAL TO MOSLEMS: MOSQUE IN LONDON

An appeal to Moslems all over the world to subscribe generously towards the realisation of "this great and noble project" was broadcast last night by the Egyptian Ambassador in London on behalf of the proposed new Mosque and Islamic cultural centre.

It is estimated that the building will cost about £580,000.

The speaker said that despite the great size of London, a large number of Moslem residents there have nowhere where they can keep in touch with Islamic culture, the deficiency particularly being felt by students at British universities.

A Committee has been formed and the efforts are being strongly backed by Lord Halifax and Lord Lloyd with the result that the British Government has decided to present a site and the sanctioning of expenditure of £100,000 for this purpose. — Reuter.

COUNT CSAKY ON HUNGARY'S COURSE

COUNT CSAKY, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, stated in Budapest yesterday in the Chamber of Deputies that not only the Government Party but most of the Opposition were in agreement with Government's pro-Axis policy.

W.M. TUPPER ALLOWED TO SAIL

DETAINED BY THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY OF OPIUM ON BOARD, THE S.S. W.M. TUPPER WAS ALLOWED TO SAIL FROM HAIPHONG YESTERDAY MORNING.

It is learned that four members of the crew were arrested and taken off the ship.

The vessel was originally fined 25,000 piastres but this amount was later reduced to 18,000 piastres which was paid on Saturday.

The ship was, however, not released and no reason or explanation was given for its continued detention. Yesterday the Time Charterers received information that the ship had obtained permission to sail at 10 a.m.

CANADIANS MISSING IN JERVIS BAY

Among the men missing from the gallant merchant cruiser Jervis Bay are 18 seamen from the Royal Canadian Navy. — Reuter.

R.A.F. FUND OPENED

The King and Queen have sent a donation to the R.A.F. pilots' and crews' fund, an appeal for which has been issued by the Auctioneers and Estate Agents Institute of the U.K. under the auspices of the Air Council.

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TARANTO TRIUMPH

When the First Lord of the Admiralty proclaimed that the wrecking of three Italian capital ships in the attack on Taranto had decisively altered the balance of sea-power in all the oceans of the world, he was speaking without a jot of excess.

In their dashing raid, the squadron of the Fleet Air Arm responsible for the magnificent achievement, gained for Britain an immense strategical success which is certain to have important repercussions everywhere war is in progress or where fancy may be lightly turning to thoughts of war.

Bold in its conception, and brilliantly carried through, the attack succeeded probably beyond all expectations. One of the two of the Littorio class of battleships is down nose-first in the shallows of Taranto harbour, another great shattered ship was beached to prevent her sinking, and a third is known to have been severely damaged.

It means, virtually, that Italy's hope of achieving naval supremacy in the Mediterranean is smashed beyond repair; for having shirked the test of battle with six capital ships, the venture now would be suicidal. It relieves the Admiralty of a host of anxieties. It means, chiefly, that the Navy has regained complete freedom of action and may, without relaxing its grip on the Mediterranean for one moment, release ships from the great concentrations at Alexandria, Crete and Gibraltar for service elsewhere, as and when the need arises.

It is, perhaps, coincidence that announcement of the creation of a new office in the Far East, that of Commander-in-Chief, to co-ordinate the land, air and sea defence system in the Far East, inclusive of Burma, Malaya, Hong Kong, Australia and New Zealand should have followed closely upon the heels of the shattering blow dealt at Italy at Taranto. Perhaps it is more than coincidence.

Be that as it may, the one is certain to have tremendous influence on the other.

It is disclosed that further reinforcements have recently reached the Far East. The announcement gives notice to Japan of Britain's intention to defend her Far East territories with all the forces at her disposal should they be threatened. The crushing of Italy's naval

power at Taranto adds to that polite hint the plainest intimation that the naval situation has undergone a mighty change in Britain's favour.

The pilots of the Fleet Air Arm have gained a victory as signal in its consequences as that of their heroic comrades of the Royal Air Force in the Battle Over Britain.



"When you can spare a minute, Boss, there's someone here to see you"

Woman "Ferry" Pilot Tells Her Story

THE first thing I would like to make clear is that we women members of the British Air Transport Auxiliary do not regard ourselves as "heroines." We are doing what we hope is a useful job of work, but there is nothing spectacular about it, because we are, all twenty of us, thoroughly used to flying, and we think no more of piloting an aeroplane than we do of driving a car.

That is not conceit; it is a plain statement of fact. Because you see, most of us, before the war came along, were earning our living in civil aviation, as pilots or instructors. I was an instructor myself, at an aerodrome near London. I learned to fly when I was 17—that is, five years ago—and when I was accepted last winter as one of the eight who made up the original women's unit, I had done about 600 hours solo. The qualification for a ferry pilot was 250 hours. Most of my colleagues—I was the youngest of them—had between 1000 and 2000 hours to their credit.

PERHAPS the best way to give you an idea of our work is to describe a typical day's programme. We are attached to an aerodrome not very far from London and we report for duty each morning soon after nine o'clock. Some of us live in a hotel near the aerodrome; others in London or in our homes on the outskirts.

By the time we arrive, our chief, Pauline Gower, is arranging the day's schedule. She is one of the most experienced air women in the country, and has run our section of A.T.A. most successfully since the beginning.

She has to ring up, or is rung up by, various contractors all over Britain. They report that they have certain aircraft waiting to be "picked up" and taken to Royal Air Force maintenance units or training squadrons. The contractor may be in the south of England, the aircraft's destination is very likely to be "somewhere in Scotland." Or the factory may be in

the north and the R.A.F. station in the west.

In either case a journey of several hundred miles is involved, and now that production is being accelerated so greatly, the demands made on the four ferry pools—ours and the three staffed by men pilots—are growing every week, every day almost.

WHEN the preliminary list is complete—it will probably be added to in the course of the day—our Ferry Officer has to get a second list, because the girls have got to get to the factories as quickly as possible, and, very often, brought back by air to headquar-

By John Hughes

ters as well when they have delivered their aircraft. Sometimes, of course, they can do another delivery on the way back. Even so, a "taxi" as we call these intermediate machines which carry the ferry-pilots about, have got to pick them up at X and take them on to Y where they will pick up their aircraft and go to Z. So you will understand the schedule of the day's flights, when it is complete, will, on a busy day—and that really means every day on which flying is possible at all—be a complicated one.

Well, all these arrangements are the business of the senior officers and meantime the rest of us sit and wait our call. There's a good deal of competition for our few comfortable chairs. The unlucky ones perch where they can, on a table or somewhere—there's no luxury about our "rest-room" to put it mildly. We smoke and talk and knit—we've done quite a lot of knitting in such spare time as we do get—until the moment comes for us to go in and get our "chits."

OUR uniform, by the way, is rather a smart one. It has been adapted from the uniform the pilots of British Airways used to wear. It's dark blue, and on the breast there are tiny gold wings with the letters "A.T.A." worked into the middle. First officers have three gold bars on the shoulder, second officers two. Oh, and we wear skirts, not trousers. Pauline Gower thinks that even if women are doing a man's job of work, that's no reason why they

shouldn't continue to look feminine. Of course, when we're flying we have to wear regulation flying suits and parachutes rather like bustles at the back. And I don't think anybody would claim that all this very necessary paraphernalia improves our beauty! All the same, when we're not in the air, we do pride ourselves on our appearance.

Once we have been given our "chits" we lose no time in getting away. These "chits" are simply delivery and receipt slips—one we leave with the contractor, and another we bring back to headquarters signed by the officer in charge of the R.A.F. aerodrome to which we have delivered the aircraft.

Several of us will pile into one "taxi"—generally a "Pruss Moth"—and very soon we're in the air on the way to the nearest factory where one of our number is to "collect."

YOU probably wonder what it feels like to fly alone in wartime? Well, of course, there is always the bare chance that one may come across a German machine and that does tend to keep one on the watch all the time! But happily the sky is a very large place and the chances of coming across a Dornier or a Messerschmitt are very small—especially as the R.A.F. keep such a good lookout for visitors. Anyway, we've had no excitement of that kind so far, in fact we are not a little proud that we have ferried several hundred aeroplanes so far without any trouble and strictly according to routine.

Mind you, there are certain complications about flying in wartime. We have to keep away from prohibited areas, where there are balloon barrages and other devices intended to . . . well, shall I say, make flying more difficult? We have to fly in all weathers, without the usual aids to navigation—meteorological reports, and so on, and at the best possible speed of which our aircraft are capable. No dawdling in the sky! And when we get to our destination we have to take certain steps to make sure that we are recognised as a friend before we touch down.

THE Air Ministry is paying us a high compliment by asking us—both men and women in the

A.T.A.—to take on more work. In September last year Mr. Gerard d'Erlanger, with the encouragement of the Director-General of Civil Aviation, Sir Francis Sherrinford, formed a pool of thirty ferry-pilots—all men—who were attached to two R.A.F. stations. That was the beginning of A.T.A. We women were recruited in December. There was only a handful of us in those days, Pauline Gower, who was taught to fly by Amy Johnson, of England-to-Australia fame, and afterwards joined an aerial circus, going into loops, spins and rolls every day between lunch and dinner; Winifred Crossley who had had more than five years' experience in the air, including "stunting"; Mona Friedlander, who was the first woman to do Army cooperation flying and is an ice-hockey international; the Hon. Mrs. Fairweather, eldest daughter of Lord Runciman, who used to be an instructor at Renfrew Airport for the Civil Air Guard before the war; Margaret Cunlison, another Scot, who won a bursary which enabled her to learn to fly and piloted one of the most brilliant pupils at the Scottish flying crews; Rosemary Rees, who has flown unconcernedly all over Europe in all sorts of weather by herself; Mrs. Patterson whose corps of women pupils at Romford, near London, was quite famous last year; Mrs. R. Wilberforce, who hails from Aberdeen—it's surprising how many Scots-women seem to make good pilots—and myself the "baby" of the gang in those days.

FOUR of us had husbands in the forces, by the way. Well, since then we've grown considerably. Amy Johnson is one of those who've joined us. And it's not only in numbers that we've increased, but in duties. You see, early this year Mr. d'Erlanger was asked to set up pools of his own, which should be run, not by the Royal Air Force but by himself and British Airways, one of whose wartime activities this is, and since February the number of machines which we carry every week in A.T.A. has gone up fifteen times. Before we used to ferry only from the factory to the R.A.F. maintenance unit, because when an aircraft leaves a factory it still has to be fitted out inside, even though it can be flown. Now we ferry not only repaired aircraft but also fully equipped aircraft from the maintenance units to the various squadron headquarters themselves.

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Moreover, it was his first actual air fight and he had been twice wounded before he engaged his enemy.

He is Flight-Lieutenant D. J. Nicolson.

For 48 hours after the incident, doctors fought for his life, but now he has almost completely recovered.

Thrilling details of his fight given by the Air Ministry News Service show that after chasing a Junkers bomber, he had turned to rejoin his squadron when four shots hit him, one into his left eye. Another exploded his petrol tank setting his Hurricane on fire and a fourth wounded his heel.

As Flight Lieutenant Nicolson turned to avoid further shots, he found a Messerschmidt was right on his gun-sight. Both planes were diving at 400 m.p.h.

When Nicolson pressed the gun button, he could see his right thumb blistering in the heat and his left hand which was holding the throttle open was also blistering in the flames.

Terrific Heat

The heat of his burning plane was so great that he had to put his feet on the seat beneath his parachute. The fight continued under these conditions for several minutes until the Messerschmidt disappeared in a steep dive and, later, witnesses reported they had seen it crash into the sea.

Flight-Lieut. Nicolson, after knocking his head on the hood above him, managed to jump out head first. After several somersaults in the air, he pulled the parachute with considerable difficulty.

It took him twenty minutes to reach the ground.

Another Messerschmidt came screaming past, so Nicolson pretended he was dead.

As he was coming down, he thought he would hit a high tension cable, but he managed to manoeuvre in the sky so as to miss it and finally landed in a field.—Reuter.

Near Southampton

The engagement occurred near Southampton on 16th August. His aircraft was hit by four cannon shells, two of which wounded him, whilst another set fire to his gravity tank. He was about to abandon the aircraft owing to the flames in the cockpit when he sighted the enemy fighter. This he shot down although as a result of staying in the burning aircraft he sustained serious burns to hands, face, neck and legs.

By continuing to engage the enemy after he had been wounded and his aircraft set on fire, he displayed exceptional gallantry and disregard for the safety of his own life.

Nicholson who was born in 1917 is married and is about to join his wife and baby for three weeks' leave during his convalescence.—British Wireless.

INDO-CHINA VISAS

The French Consulate in Hong Kong to-day announced that as from November 18, it will issue entry-visas for Chinese passports for French Indo-China only to holders of entry permits granted by the Hong Kong Government allowing them to return to the Colony.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone covers China and South Japan, and has increased slightly in intensity; the depression has moved into the Pacific to the N.E. of Japan.

STUKAS RUN RIGHT INTO MESS

Thirteen enemy dive-bombers and one fighter were destroyed off the South-East Coast of England yesterday before they could make any attack, announces the Air Ministry and Ministry for Home Security.

The single heavy bomber which crossed the coast yesterday morning was immediately shot down. Two British fighters are missing but the pilot of one is safe.

Four More Later

Four more enemy aircraft were shot down yesterday, according to latest reports given in an Air Ministry communique.

This makes 19 destroyed altogether.

It is also confirmed that two enemy bombers were destroyed on Wednesday night. Both pilots are now safe of the two British fighter planes which were lost.—Reuter.

Bombs In Kent

A few bombs were dropped in Kent during the day and in one coastal town some damage was done to buildings and there were a few casualties.—British Wireless.

BOMBER NAMED FOR BOSTON

The British Air Ministry has given the name "Boston" to the new Douglas DB7 type, twin-engine bombers, in compliment to the United States Ambassador, Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, a Bostonian. A number of the American-built bombers are already in England.

RUMANIA BOWS AGAIN TO NAZIS

Measures granting what amounts to independent sovereignty for Germans of Rumanian nationality is contained in a remarkable five-point decree issued in Bucharest.

The measures include:—

1. The introduction of the Nuremberg anti-Jewish laws;
2. Equal status for the German flag with the Rumanian flag as a symbol of the creed of the German nation, just as the Rumanian flag is the symbol of the creed of the Rumanian state;
3. Protection for the Nazi Party as a juridical body;
4. Membership of the Party is limited to those who are "German conscious" and are recognised by the leadership;
5. The leadership is authorised to issue regulations concerning German autonomy rights, under the approval of the Rumanian Government.—Reuter.

SUMMER TIME IN WINTER

Britain is maintaining Summer Time throughout the winter.—Reuter.

CONTINUED R.A.F. ATTACKS ON ALBANIAN PORTS

LONG-RANGE BOMBERS of the Royal Air Force continue their attacks on the principal Italian ports being used as supply bases for the Albanian front, states the Air Ministry.

Other aircraft last night attacked Durazzo and were guided to their target by a fire started the previous night which was still burning fiercely.

Further damage was caused to this important Albanian port. Valona was bombed and ammunition dumps and motor-transport concentrations hit.

The aerodrome at Argyrokastron, in southern Albania, was raided on Wednesday. One large blaze and two smaller fires were started and two enemy aircraft on the ground were damaged.

In the western desert, Sidi Barrani, Berka, Bardia and fur-

ther west, Benghazi were all raided and considerable damage done. At Berka, a large fire was started as a result of an attack on the barracks.

At Benghazi, ships moored were bombed. Numerous reconnaissance raids were carried out over enemy territory in all war areas of the Middle East. From all these operations all our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

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The Cottage Club Ride



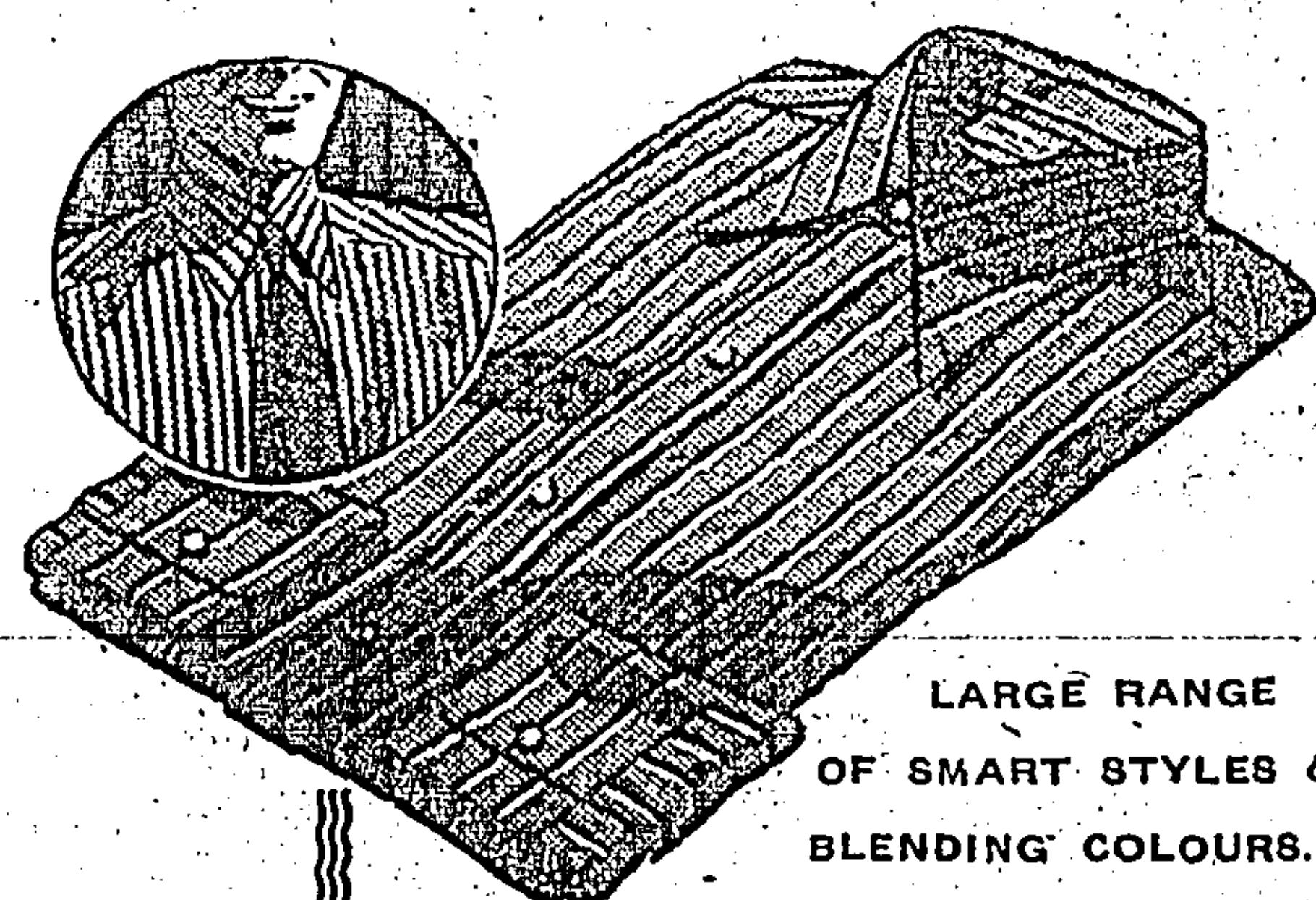
The Cottage Club turned out in force last Saturday for the Ride and Bar-B-Q that followed. Here are some of the members just before the ride. Left to right, W. O'Neill, Jack Fraser, Jill Beavis, Jack Carkeet, Christine Wyatt, Frank Bondfield and Captain A. G. Atkinson. (Kahn).



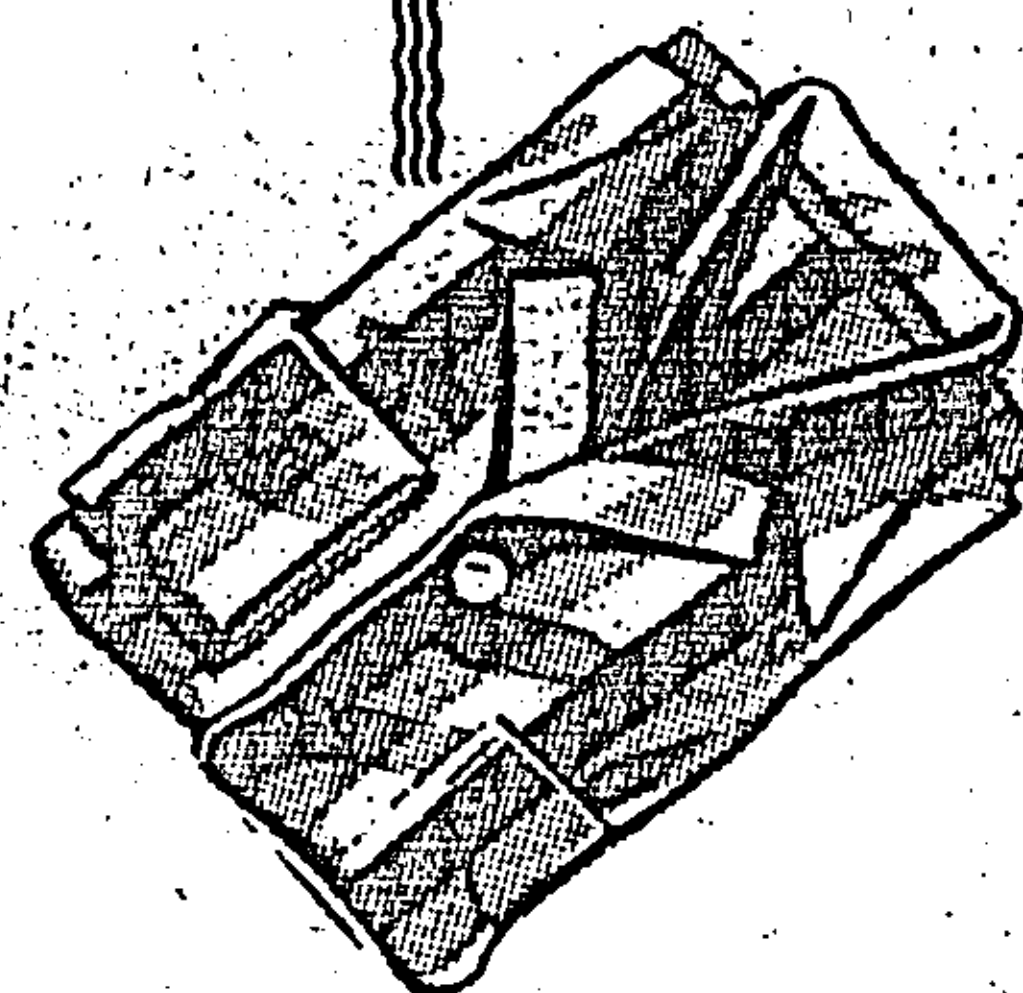
Mrs. M. Harmon, Mr. Bond, J. S. Logan and Miss Kiki de Chaffoy at the Cottage Club last Saturday. (Kahn).



Another party at the Cottage Club ride. Left to right, Mr. Peter Wong and a friend, Miss Jill Beavis, W. O'Neill, Paul Calderara and John Eager. (Kahn).



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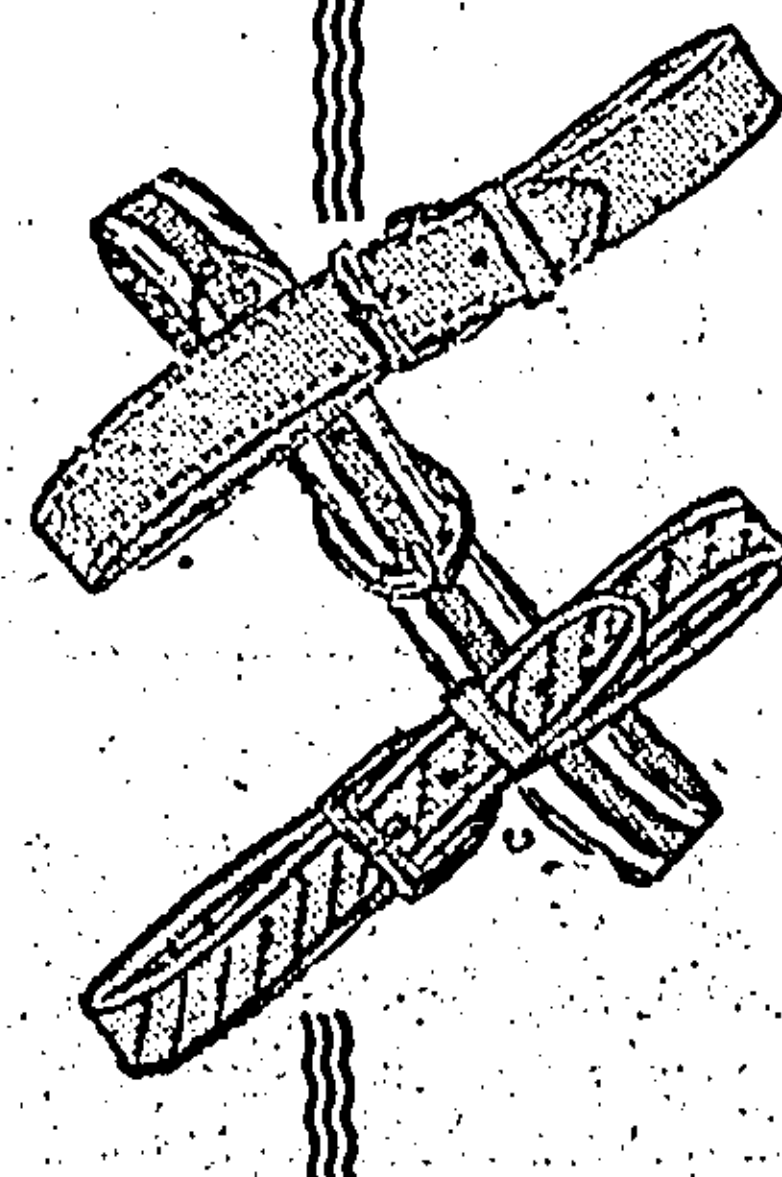


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SHORT STORY

Daphne's Dilemma By Eve Chaucer

DAPHNE had been two years in Macpherson's Store and now she was in charge of the haberdashery counter. She had two girls under her orders, Mary Pearson and Jean Gray, but she saw little of either girl outside the store. She and Evelyn Patterson spent all their spare time together.

Evelyn was 25, slim and beautiful. Daphne was quite accustomed to playing gooseberry when they went to the pictures or to a dance. Evelyn always had the boys round her. Sometimes Daphne felt a little jealous. It seemed so unfair that Evelyn should have all the attention, but lately things had been a bit better. Ever since Christmas Daphne's thoughts had been busy with a young man of her own.

She first noticed him during the rush hour on Christmas Eve. He stood quite patiently while she attended to the wants of two elderly women. At Christmas the haberdashery counter had a specially good show of attractive fancy goods. Sewing hussies, with coloured zip-fasteners, shoe-bags embroidered in gay colours, coat-hangers neatly packed in a box of six.

When the two old ladies finally picked up their parcels and toddled off Daphne smiled at him apologetically.

"I'm so sorry to have kept you waiting," she said. "What can I do for you?"

Their eyes met and Daphne's heart missed a beat. He was certainly very attractive with his wavy brown hair and long-lashed blue eyes. He had the fresh complexion of a healthy man who spends his free time in the open air.

"If you aren't too busy," he said, "I'd be very grateful if you'd help me choose a few presents. I've such a lot of aunts!"

Daphne smiled at him a bit experimentally and was pleased when he didn't seize the opportunity to become "fresh." They spent quite ten happy minutes in

choosing half a dozen small gifts. She thought he would have liked to talk to her for longer.

Daphne could hardly wait to tell Evelyn all about her adventure, but, as it turned out, the two friends did not manage to have a proper talk until after the New Year, for Evelyn went away with a young friend of hers to Brighton, where she caught influenza and had to stay in bed; thereby achieving an extra five days' holiday.

When at last they met Daphne had seen the young man again, but always in the store. He had returned first on New Year's Eve to thank her for having chosen such nice presents, and again on New Year's Eve Day, when he brought her a book.

Daphne was a little disappointed that Evelyn would not be able to see him, but their two departments were on different floors; and she was reluctant to make the first advance and ask him to tea at her home. Evelyn soon realised that Daphne had fallen pretty heavily for this apparently fascinating stranger.

"Don't worry, dear," she consoled her friend, "I see him fast enough. By next week he'll ask you to go to the pictures and then you can't go out with him alone the first time. Then I'll bring Cecil or Peter and we'll have a foursome."

Sure enough, the following Monday the young man appeared again at the haberdashery counter just as Daphne was preparing to go to lunch. He wanted, it appeared, a few pearl buttons. Daphne sent her two assistants away to the canteen, and bore, with as much good humour as she could, their sly nudges as they giggled their way round the counter. The store had been empty all the morning. It was January and cold, with a biting east wind, but in the store it was warm.

Daphne was glad she had put on her new dress. It was a dull

black satin, and with fine silk stockings and suede shoes was a present from a rich uncle who had a farm in New Zealand. It suited her to perfection. Evelyn had helped her to choose it in the Small Sizes department during the sale.

The young man gave a great deal of attention to the selection of his shirt buttons, then he led the conversation easily to himself. His name was John Greening, he told her, and he had some sort of job in the Home Office. He had been ill recently, so he was using the remains of his sick leave to put in a bit of work for an examination.

That explains why he can pop round here at all sorts of hours, Daphne thought; but he sounds respectable all right.

"Yes," she said, smiling in answer to his question. "I'd love to go out with you to a dance on Saturday, but don't you think it would be better to join up with another couple? I've got a great friend, Evelyn Patterson, in the Small Sizes, and she can easily bring one of her boy friends."

Mr. Greening nodded. "An excellent idea," he said thoughtfully, and Daphne got the impression that for some reason he was not pleased with the suggestion. It gave her a little uneasy feeling that he was not so straightforward as he looked.

"It would be more fun to have someone outside your work, wouldn't it?" he suggested. "You want to get away from the store sometimes, you know. Perhaps I could find someone?"

They left it that Daphne should ask Evelyn and if the latter could not come John should find a friend of his who would bring a girl. He would call in, he said, on the following Wednesday to hear what he was to do.

When the girls met that evening, much to Daphne's disgust, Evelyn said that she was already booked up ten deep; and when Daphne began to talk over their plans for the week following the other girl was oddly elusive. After a few minutes she dropped the subject. Evidently Evelyn had no intention of letting her friend into her secrets this time. Trying not to be both hurt and curious was a stiff job, for hitherto the girls had talked over their affairs without any reserve; but she soon forgot it for Evelyn began talking about a conversation she had had with one of the departmental managers that afternoon. It appeared that goods were disappearing from the Small Sizes Department, the Hats and Gloves and Stockings. It was not the petty pilfering of an inexperienced shop-lifter, but organised and systematic theft on a large scale. The managers were worried.

It was at the dance on the following Saturday that Daphne knew that she loved John Greening, and by the end of the evening she was sure he returned her feelings. The couple he had brought with him tactfully disappeared after the first extra and did not reappear until the band was playing "God Save the King."

By that time Daphne was wondering how soon he would ask her to marry him, and planning the arrangement of the furniture in the little house they would have in the suburbs. She decided that he was the best-looking man she had ever seen and by far the most intelligent. She went home to bed in the early hours of the morning with her brain in a whirl, and happy smile hovered round her mouth all the following day until, at nine o'clock, after a quick dinner, she hurried round to the rooms where Evelyn lived. Evelyn must be the first to hear all about it.

A street lamp stood outside the door of the house where her friend had rooms. In its light Daphne could see Evelyn's tall figure standing on the pavement talking to a man. Daphne hurried on. She had been afraid that Evelyn might be out for the evening. When she was within a hundred yards of the couple Daphne slackened her steps. They appeared to be deep in talk and, as she watched, Evelyn laid her hand affectionately on the man's shoulder. He swung round and kissed her. As he turned and walked rapidly away Daphne saw his face. It was Mr. John Greening. For the next few days Daphne worked like an automaton. Only

a brief stab of pain roused her for a moment when she saw Evelyn or found John's face smiling at her over the counter. Something must be done—but what? At last she made a plan.

On Thursday she arranged with Jean to exchange lunch hours, and managed, by having a word with one of the canteen staff, to keep a seat at the table where Evelyn usually ate. She waited until she saw the older girl go into the dining-room, her beautiful head bent as if in deep thought.

"Yes," thought Daphne, bitterly, as she followed her, "it's easy for her. She's only to lift her finger and they follow her like sheep. She might have left John alone at least; but I'm not going to give him up without a fight. If I talk to her . . ."

Evelyn was only too ready to talk, and Daphne found herself in her usual role of listener. Lunch was nearly over before she discovered that on Saturday afternoon Evelyn intended to wash her hair in preparation for a dance. That was all that Daphne wanted to know. She had no intention of allowing the older girl to guess that she wanted to have a private talk with her until she had her cornered, for she was afraid that Evelyn might make some excuse to put her off.

Friday dragged by. The customers seemed to be more annoying than she had ever known them. Just when she was preparing to leave a messenger came along and asked her to go to the floor manager.

Wearily Daphne walked to his office. He was a thin, dark man, shy of the girl assistants, but always polite and considerate. He was known by the girls as "Weary Willie."

"Er . . . er . . . Miss Killigrew," he said, "I wonder if you can help us. We . . . er . . . know that goods are being stolen from this store. It is true that most of the losses are on the next floor; but we are asking all our assistants to cooperate. He paused and looked hopefully.

Daphne looked puzzled. "Of course," she began. "I'll do anything I can."

"Well . . . er . . . "Weary Willie" played nervously with a ruler on his desk. "Er . . . have you any suspicions . . . I mean your girls . . . None of them unusually flush with money?"

A horrible suspicion struck her. Surely they could not suspect her? That cheque she had had at Christmas, her new dress and shoes. As she stood in front of him her colour deepened. She felt like a trapped animal which snarls when it blunders into the teeth of a hidden trap.

Her eyes sparkled with anger. Like most quiet people, Daphne was not often roused, but when she was her temper was quick to flame.

"If you think I've taken them you're mistaken," she said sharply. "I wouldn't demean myself, and I think you might have asked me straight out instead of hinting." She stopped and bit her lip as "Weary Willie" held up his hand for silence.

"My . . . er . . . my dear Miss Killigrew," he said quickly, "such a thought never entered my head. I am merely asking for your help . . . that you will . . . er . . . report anything that you see."

Daphne's hot blush subsided and with it went a little of her anger. She began to feel slightly ashamed of her too-hasty defence.

"I'm sorry," she said dully. "I'm not feeling very well this evening. I'm afraid I lost my temper."

"Quite all right," he reassured her quickly. "but you mustn't jump to conclusions . . . er . . . my dear Miss Killigrew."

It was really about someone quite different I wanted to ask you. You have a red-haired girl called Jean Gray on your counter. As far as you know she is . . . quite all right, I suppose?" Daphne laughed.

"She's so honest she wouldn't touch a pin," she said. "I'd as soon suspect myself."

"Ah! "Weary Willie" seemed to meditate. "That is . . . er . . . very satisfactory . . . but . . . I mean to say, have you any grounds for that belief?"

Daphne opened her mouth and then shut it again. What did she really know of Jean's affairs. Only what Jean herself told her.

"I just know she's all right," she said doggedly. "but I'll watch, if you like."

Better, she thought, that she should watch than that they should put a spy on to follow the girl.

"Weary Willie's" lugubrious face brightened.

"That's . . . er . . . splendid," he said. "Perhaps you'll report again to me next week?"

What with the anxiety of watching to see that Jean did nothing that could be construed as suspect by the most suspicious mind, attending to her customers, and trying at the same time to rehearse the interview she intended to have with Evelyn that afternoon, Saturday morning passed in a whirl, and it was with a beating heart that Daphne changed after her luncheon and walked round to Evelyn's rooms.

The landlady opened the door.

"Miss Patterson's not in yet," she said. "but she's only gone round the corner to fetch some crumpets to 'er tea and then she's a-going to wash 'er pretty 'ead. Come in and wait, dearie. It's bitter cold outside. You'll find a nice bit of fire in 'er room."

Daphne smiled and thanked her as she started to climb the stairs to the first floor where Evelyn had a bed-sitting room. It was a large old-fashioned room, with a tiny dressing room off it, big enough to contain a gas ring and bath. The room was well furnished, for Evelyn had brought in some of her own things. Though she never talked much about her parents or her background, Daphne thought that she had a bit of money of her own.

The curtains were drawn and the fire burned merrily. Daphne took off her gloves and warmed her hands while her gaze roved round the room. On the bed was a pile of something covered with an old counterpane. Hardly thinking what she was doing, Daphne lifted one corner of the cloth to see what was under it.

On the bed lay a collection of clothes, stockings, gloves, hats and handbags. Some of the tickets were still pinned on the hem of the dresses. "Macpherson's Store," they read, "5½ gns."

Daphne dropped the corner of the sheet as if it had stung her. What was Evelyn doing with all these things? "Dresses, gloves, and stockings, hats," she remembered the conversation with "Weary Willie" the night before. It was impossible. It was dreadful, disloyal . . . Evelyn could not possibly . . . She buried her face in her hands and wept.

When Evelyn came in a few moments later she had partially recovered herself and a dull misery had taken the place of her first indignant horror. After all . . . if Evelyn could steal her friend's young man, why should she stop at that?

"I've seen the things," she pointed to the bed and tears filled her eyes again. "Oh, Evelyn!"

Evelyn looked at her quite quietly and put down the bag of crumpets. Then she took off her hat and smoothed the shining waves of her hair.

"What things?" she asked. "Oh, you know . . . Why pretend you are such a little innocent?" Daphne spoke almost angrily.

Evelyn's fine eyebrows went up. "Pretend?" she said. "Will you explain?"

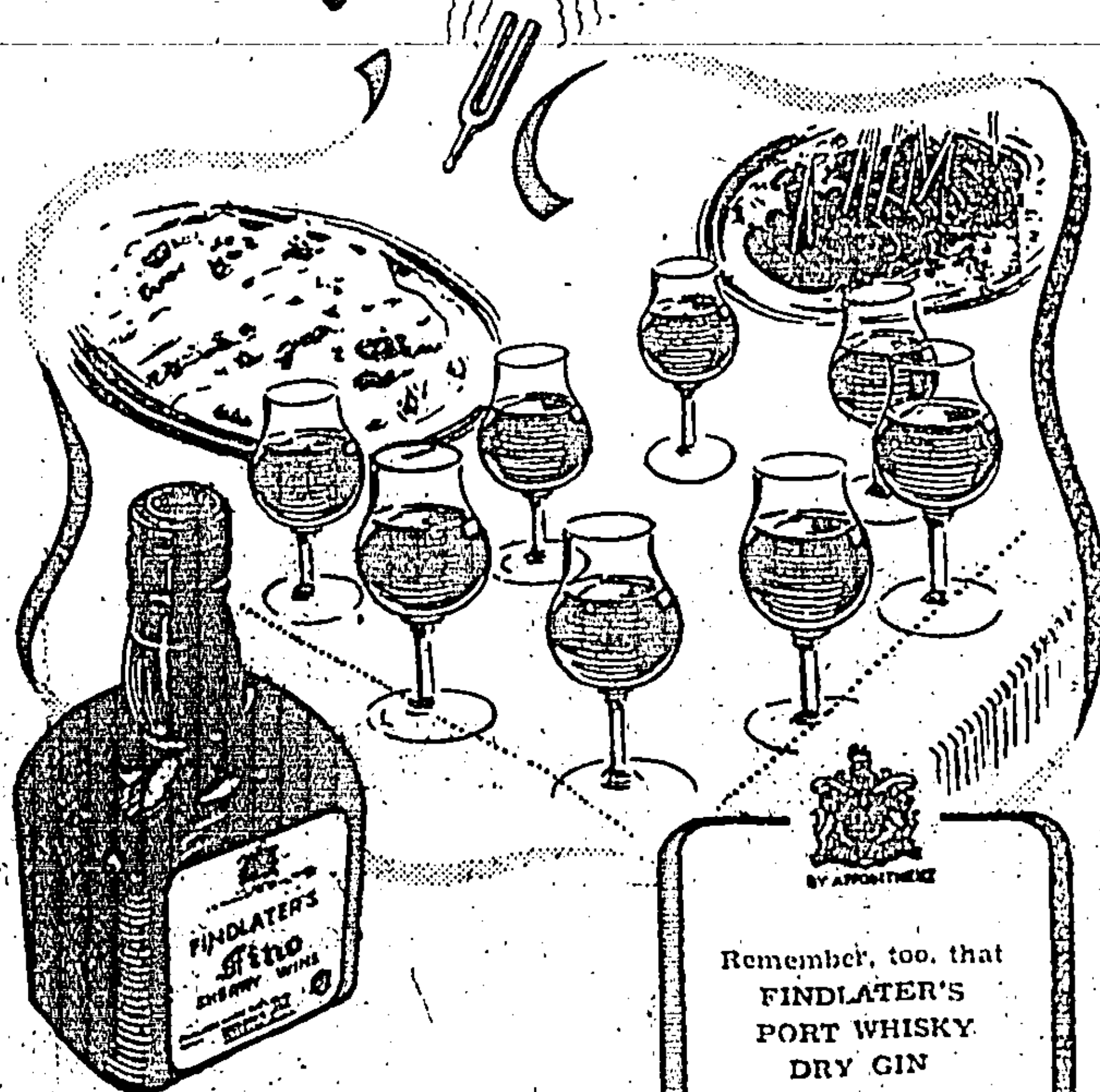
"Yes!" Daphne said. "I'll explain. But first I want to ask you a question. Why did you kiss John Greening outside this door the other night? You knew that I was keen on him and after that dance I thought he'd ask me to marry him." "He kissed me, and then you came along and take him away . . . " Her voice rose to a wall. "Why do you want him?" she cried. "Haven't you got enough men of your own?" She pointed to the bed. "You can't deny those clothes are the ones that have been stolen from Macpherson's, and they're suspecting poor Jean. I suppose John helps you to steal . . . a common thief—just like you!"

Her voice broke, and with a little moan she slipped down on her knees by the chair and wept despairingly.

So deeply was she immersed in woe that she did not hear the door open. John Greening came into the room. He glanced quickly at Evelyn and without making

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Nazi Persecution Of The Jews

The persecution of the Jews by the Nazis in the Low Countries appears to be increasing in proportion to the resistance offered by the local populations to the regime introduced there by the invaders. All acts of sabotage of Nazi orders are attributed by the authorities to the secret influence of Jews. Accordingly, the Nazi rulers are pouring their wrath on Jews and are constantly inventing measures to segregate non-Jews from Jews and to sow discord between them.

In Luxembourg, ten yellow seats labelled "for Jews only" have been placed in a remote corner of the city park and even those ghetto seats can only be used by the Jews for one hour daily, from 6 to 7 a.m. The local Jewish soup kitchen has also been ordered to distribute its meals to the needy at 6 a.m. The excuse is that the rush of Jews to obtain free food during the day is obstructing city traffic.

In Holland, the Nazis have announced that no ration cards will be issued to Jews to obtain new clothes, underwear and footwear.

The Nazi authorities in Amsterdam have also ordered the important restaurants and cafes to display notices that Jewish customers are not desired by them.

Most characteristic, however, has been the Nazi effort to discredit Queen Wilhelmina in the eyes of the Dutch people in connection with her Majesty's sixtieth birthday. Fearing loyal demonstrations in honour of the beloved Queen the Nazis have distributed pamphlets alleging that the Dutch Dynasty originates from a Jewish family from Spain, which settled in Holland after the Spanish Inquisition. The Dutch people, however, treated the Nazi "revelations" concerning their Queen with the contempt they deserved.

In Belgium, Jews have been banned from the re-opened Stock Exchanges.

Norway Confiscations

The impression produced in Norway by the presentation to the country of the German bill of £10,000,000 for the expenses of the Nazi army of occupation has been of a nature which even the invaders and the Norwegian Quislings could not ignore.

Accordingly, they set to work to try and soften the blow by endeavouring to persuade the population that in reality a large part

of the bill would be paid by the Jews in Norway and by the Norwegians who had fled with King Haakon to Britain. This process, they declared, is to be accomplished by the seizure of the property of the Norwegian refugees and by the confiscation of 80 per cent. of the property of the Jews by the end of the current year.

The Norwegian people, however, have not been deceived, fully realising that whatever construction was put upon the methods for raising the sum demanded by the Nazis their bill involved a loss to the country of £10,000,000.

Restrictions In Germany

The Government Food Department in Germany has forbidden Jew to purchase fruit without special permits. This restriction is a severe blow to the Jews in

By A Special Correspondent

view of the great use made by them of unrationed fruit as a substitute for rationed articles of food, which they experience great difficulty in obtaining. In future, however, fruit, too, will be rationed for the Jews.

The Government has also announced that from September 1, Jews in Germany will not be allowed to remain telephone subscribers.

Exceptions will only be made in the case of Jewish communal offices, Jewish clinics, Jewish doctors and lawyers allowed to practice among Jews and Jewish citizens of Soviet Russia, U.S.A. and

the Latin American States, who are able to furnish to the authorities certificates of respectability from their Consulates.

Arrests Of Polish Jews

The Gestapo authorities in Poland have lately been displaying great anxiety about the rapid dissemination of news items broadcast from London to the people throughout the Nazi zone of Poland. They have therefore carried out numerous raids in various towns and a considerable number of Jews have been arrested on charges of listening in to the London broadcasts and of informing the population about them.

Labour Leaders Warning

The action of the Vichy Government in abrogating the decree

Daphne's Dilemma

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a sound she slipped quietly into the bathroom. Daphne, her face buried in her hands, still sobbed in broken-hearted despair.

John looked at her. His eyes were very tender. Then he bent down and lifted her up until she was lying in his arms, her face buried in a big silk handkerchief. About a minute, he said "Now suppose you tell me what you're crying about?"

Daphne blinked at him. Somehow it did not seem at all strange to be sitting on his lap having her eyes mopped dry while he looked at her with twinkling blue eyes.

"I've found out . . ." she said tremulously. "I've found out that you and Evelyn are thieves! And I saw you kiss her," she added, and gulped down a sob.

John put back his head and laughed. Laughed until Daphne began to think he must be mad.

"Silly little thing!" he said at last. "It's my job to find those clothes. I'm the new store detective . . . they had to get me in when the thefts got too bad. Evelyn was helping me."

"Evelyn . . ." Daphne repeated. "Why does she help you?"

John bent down, his mouth very close to hers. Their faces were so near that Daphne could see little reflections of herself in each of his eyes.

"Evelyn," he said softly, "is my half-sister. Some day she'll be yours too."

of April 21, 1939, which made illegal the defamation of Jews in France, and many other anti-Jewish moves made by Marshal Petain's Ministers, have produced a counter-movement in French Labour circles, which has for its aim the combating of Nazism, Fascism and anti-Semitism.

The leaders of the new movement have already issued secret leaflets warning the French people that the pillars of the Vichy Government, and not the Ministers who are on trial at Riom, are responsible for the humiliation suffered by France. The leaflets characterised the Riom trial as a second Dreyfus case and appealed to the French people to reject Nazi and anti-Semitic principles. The discovery of these secret leaflets in occupied France has already led to numerous arrests of Frenchmen and Jews.



Mr. A. T. Lee (Hon. Secretary) at the Sheung Shui Country Club last Sunday when the winter season was opened. He is shown taking part in a putting competition. (Tong).

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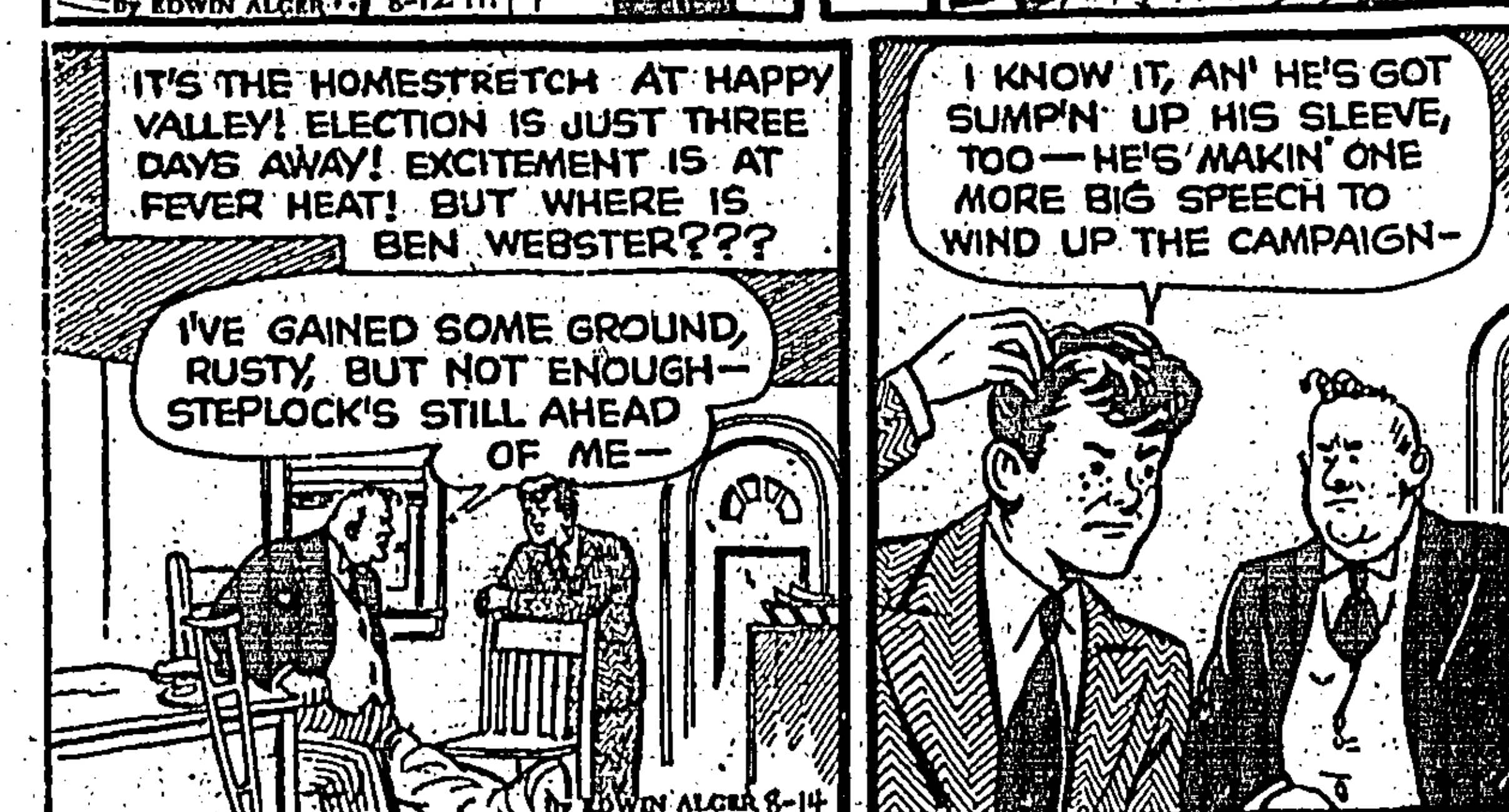
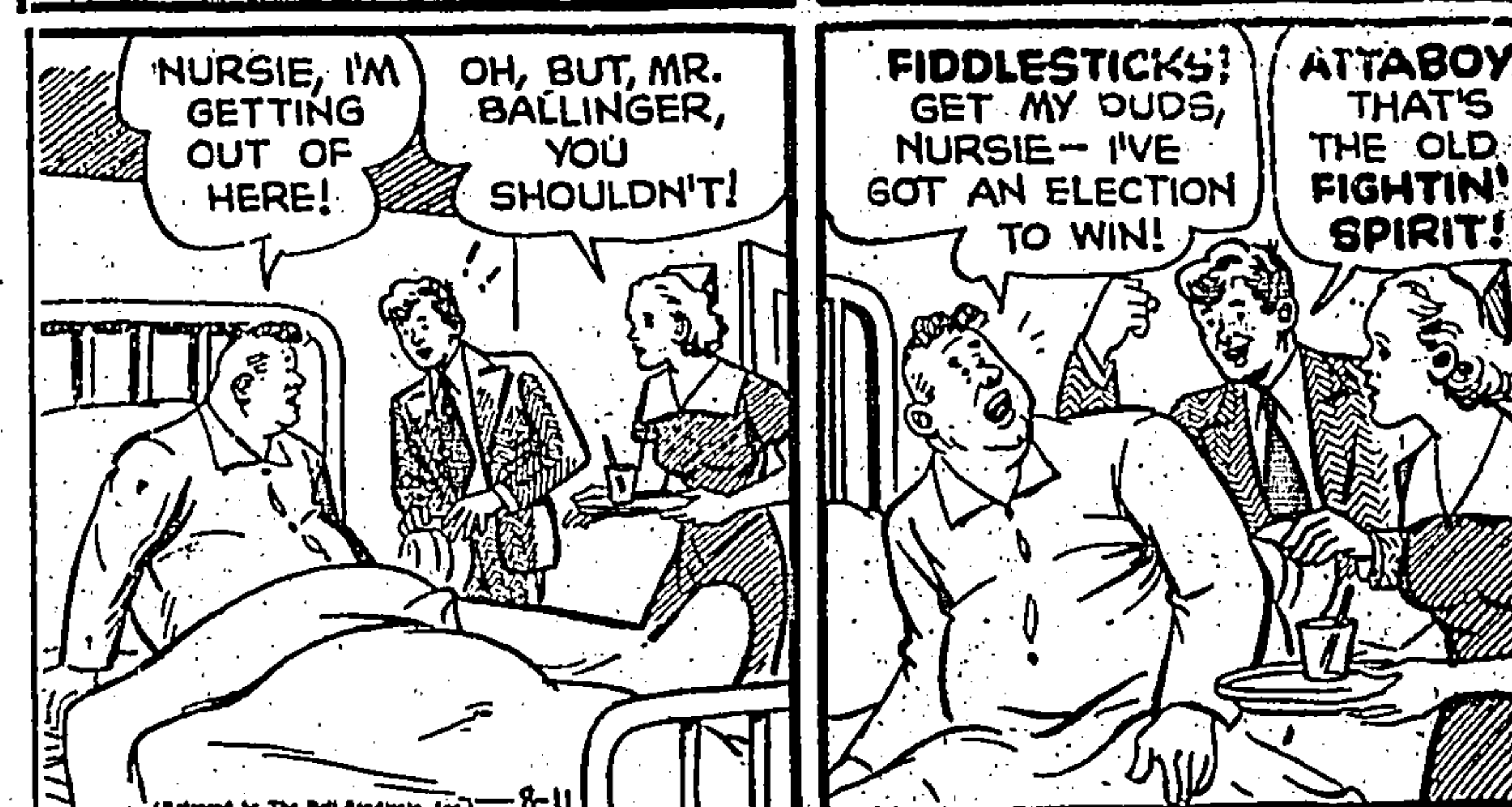
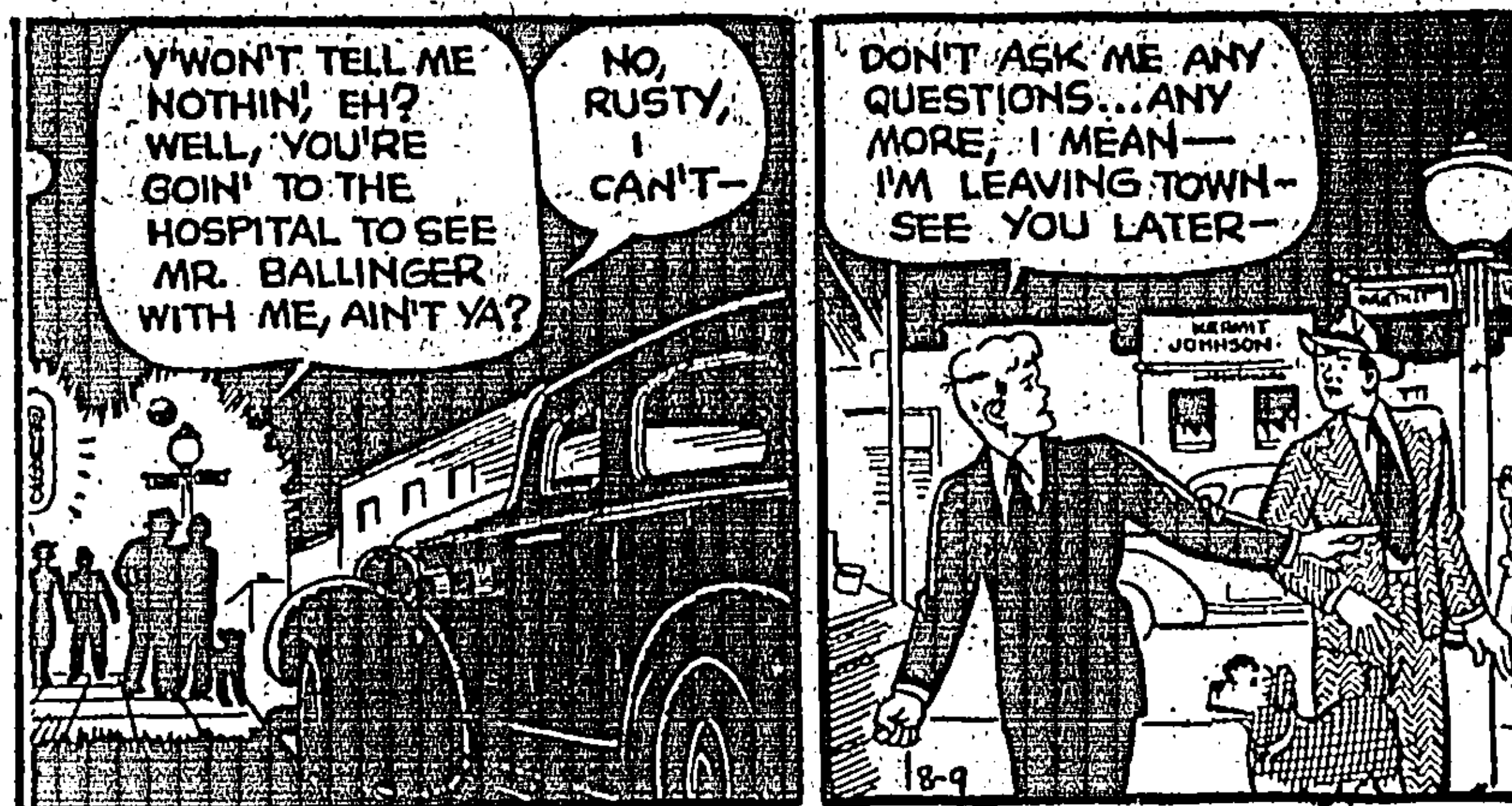
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The Strength & Weakness Of The French Air Force

LET us go back in thought to the month of August 1939. Public opinion was then trying to foresee how the Allied armies would react when faced by the German forces. People said: the weak point will be the French Air Force.

Events have not confirmed this forecast. It is not the German planes which have conquered France, it is the mechanised and armoured divisions. It is not the weakness of the French Air Force which has astonished the world, but the weakness of the French land forces.

The weaknesses of our strategic and tactical conceptions, the archaic character of our armaments, the insufficiency of training and above all the lack of creative imagination on the part of our General Staffs have been brought to light on land, rather than in the air.

Following this general observation, we must explain the

strength and the weakness of the French Air Force.

Everywhere where it was in action in more or less normal conditions, the French Air Force showed itself superior to the German Air Force. This superiority arose from two causes: the worth of the men and the quality of the material.

The worth of the men is undeniable. On the whole, French airmen had a better moulding and better training than the German airmen. We must praise not only their courage but their technical and military value. The crews were excellent, the young officers did wonders. If we except the High Command (which was distinctly beneath its task) the chiefs, from General Tetu down to the squadron leaders, were well up to their job.

Similarly, the material in service at the beginning of the war was of good quality. The Potez 63 and the Morane 405, without mentioning the American machines, did excellent work. More easily manoeuvrable than the German planes, they enabled our airmen to carry out their missions.

So much for the qualities, but let us consider the defects.

The French Air Force suffered from insufficiency in two directions.

First, the insufficiency of French anti-aircraft defence. Most of the airfields were not sufficiently protected against enemy air attack. The same state of things applied in the case of French factories, towns, bridges and railway stations. We lacked anti-aircraft artillery.

This resulted in two weaknesses for our Air Force: at the airfields we lost far too many planes on the ground and in the land battles against the armoured units or the German columns our Air Force, hindered by the excellent German defence, could not take part as effectively as did the German Air Force against our own troops.

Secondly, our Air Force was a great deal smaller than the German Air Force. Undoubtedly France had the right to count on the support of the R.A.F. This support was given generously. It exceeded the anticipations of the General Staffs, and all Frenchmen are grateful for the admirable efforts of the British airmen in defending French towns and French troops. But in the whole French military machine, the Air Force, like the tanks, represented too small a part.

Let us seek the causes of this double inferiority.

As always in France, an effort has been made to fix the responsibility politically. The French

always try to find scapegoats. The fault, it was said, lies with the Ministers of Air... including the author of this article — and with the Popular Front.

The truth is otherwise. At the root of our inferiority in the air, there is an error of military conception. We did not have more planes, just as we did not have more tanks, because for too long a period our important military leaders believed neither in the Air Force nor in tanks.

The obvious proof of this error of conception is provided by the insufficiency of French anti-aircraft defence. This anti-aircraft defence (and in particular anti-

By M. Pierre
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aircraft artillery) was the province not of the Air Ministry, but of the Ministry of War.

If our chiefs of the General Staff had believed in the Air Force, they would have taken measures to defend their troops and territory against aerial attack by the enemy. They failed to do this because they did not believe in the Air Force. Further: in December 1936, the Air Ministry submitted to the Higher War Committee a plan providing that the anti-aircraft defence services should be doubled. The Committee considered that there was no need to take this plan into consideration.

But let us leave anti-aircraft defence and come to the Air Force properly so called.

It was not until 1938, that is to say, too late, that the French General Staff appears to have realised the importance of the Air Force. Up to this time, it had invariably preferred to devote to the land forces and to the Maginot Line the credits voted by Parliament. The following facts show this.

(1) The French Air Force was created in April 1933. Before this date, France had only a cooperative air arm, an auxiliary force attached to the land forces. The creation of the Air Force was decided upon against the advice of the Chief of the General Staff, who was then General Weygand.

(2) In June 1936, the plan for organising the Air Force, drawn up by the military authorities, provided for a force of 1,000 first-line planes with 20 per cent. in reserve, making a total of 1,200 machines. This plan was only carried out to half its extent. By August of that year, in reply to the German effort, we had adopted a plan for 1,500 first-line planes with 40 per cent. in reserve, that is a total of 2,400 planes to be built in three years. In addition, in December 1936, the Ministry of Air laid a proposal before the Higher War Committee to double this plan (and to double the anti-aircraft artillery). By a decision of January 1937, the Higher War Committee refused to consider this increase of the Air Force. It was not until the spring of 1938 that the scheme could be taken up again.

(3) In August 1937, the Ministry of Air had its requests for credits cut by 20 per cent. by the Ministry of Finance.

We could quote other instances. But these are sufficient to show that up to 1938 nothing considerable or in earnest was undertaken to reply to the German air effort, and that, despite the efforts and the requests of the Air Ministry.

Two observations will complete this impression:

First, in 1936 and 1937, the credits granted for the Air Force were less than £50,000,000. These credits represented 18 per cent. of the whole credits allotted to National Defence. During this same period, the credits granted to the British Air Force were between two and three times higher, and those granted to the German Air Force were probably five times higher. It was only in 1938 and 1939 that the credits granted to the French Air Ministry were increased and brought up to about £200,000,000. It will be seen how unjust it would be to hold the Air Ministers of 1936 and 1937 responsible for a state of affairs against which they themselves unemittingly protested.

Secondly, at the end of 1936, the French Air Ministry created groups of Air Infantry (parachutists). These troops, admirably trained by a most competent officer, played a successful part in the manoeuvres of 1937. In spite of this, in 1939 the credits necessary for their maintenance were withdrawn, the greatest of our military leaders having said that these were merely circus stunts! The German use of parachutists has proved what the conceptions of our important military leaders were worth where the Air Force was concerned.

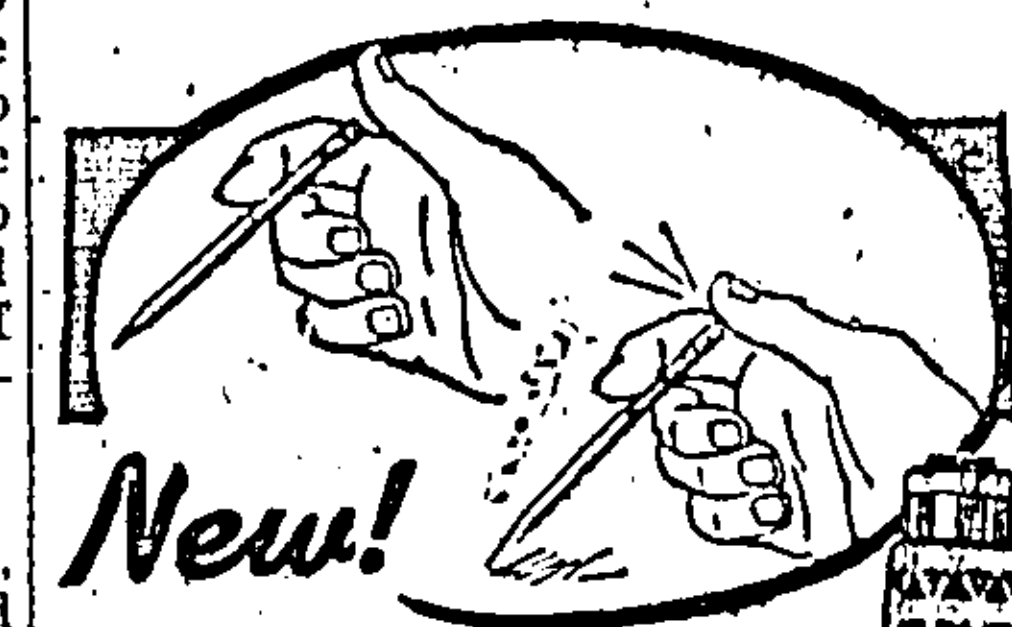
In reality, with insufficient means, the French Air Ministry built up a good Air Force. It was not the fault of the Air Ministry, nor that of its leaders, if the Ministry of National Defence and War, on the one hand, and the Chief of the General Staff, on the other hand, refused from 1936 to 1938 to believe in the Air Force, from 1936 to 1939 to make a sufficient effort in anti-aircraft defence, and from 1938 to 1940 to believe in parachute troops.

All French authorities bear their part of responsibility in the French debacle. But the heaviest responsibility remains that of military chiefs who were too old, who prepared for a war on the lines of 1918, instead of boldly adopting those modern armaments, the aeroplane and the tank, on which our enemies built up their Army and based their strategy.

Let us hope that in the future, chiefs who are young and worthy of the French people and French

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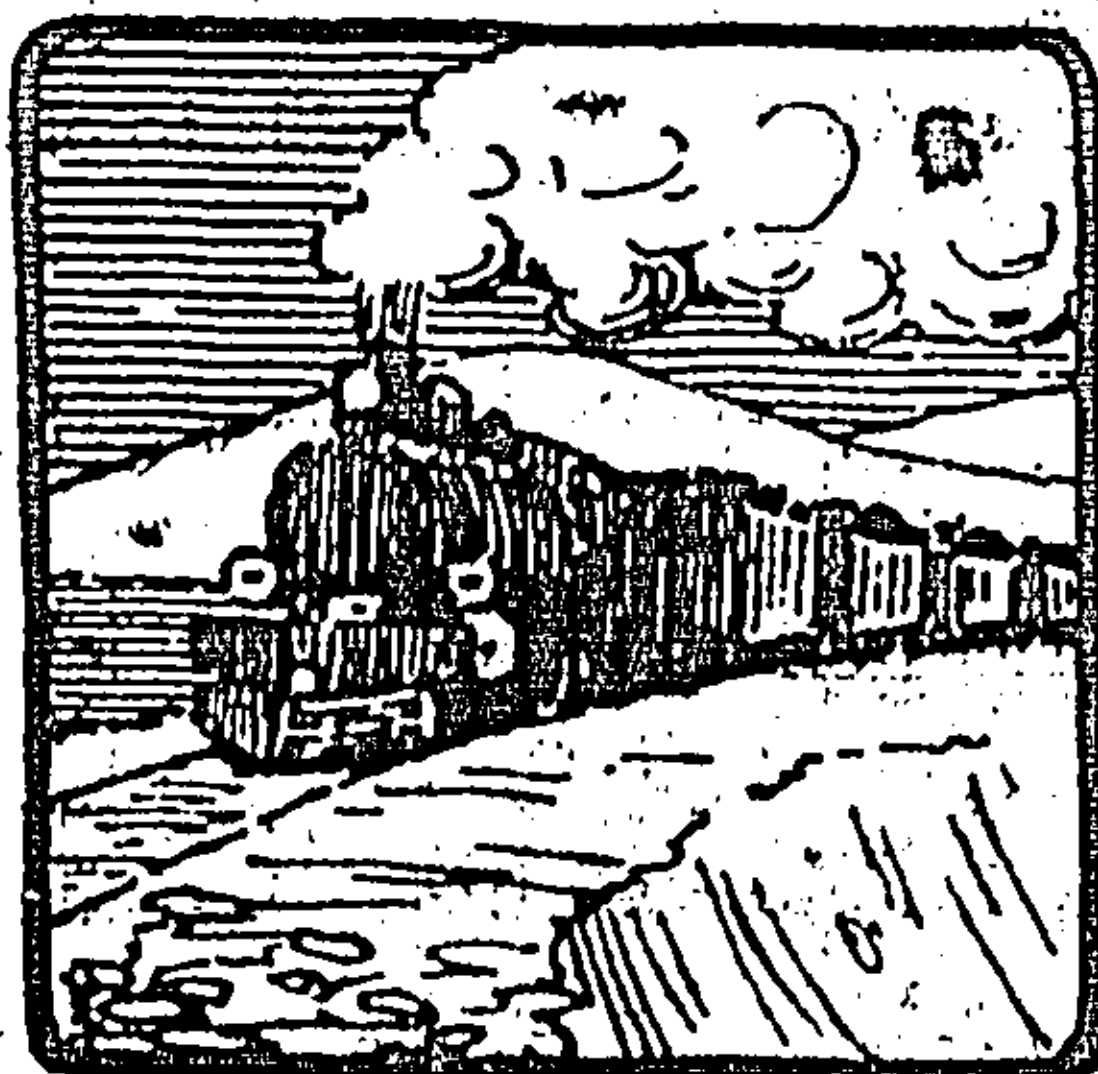


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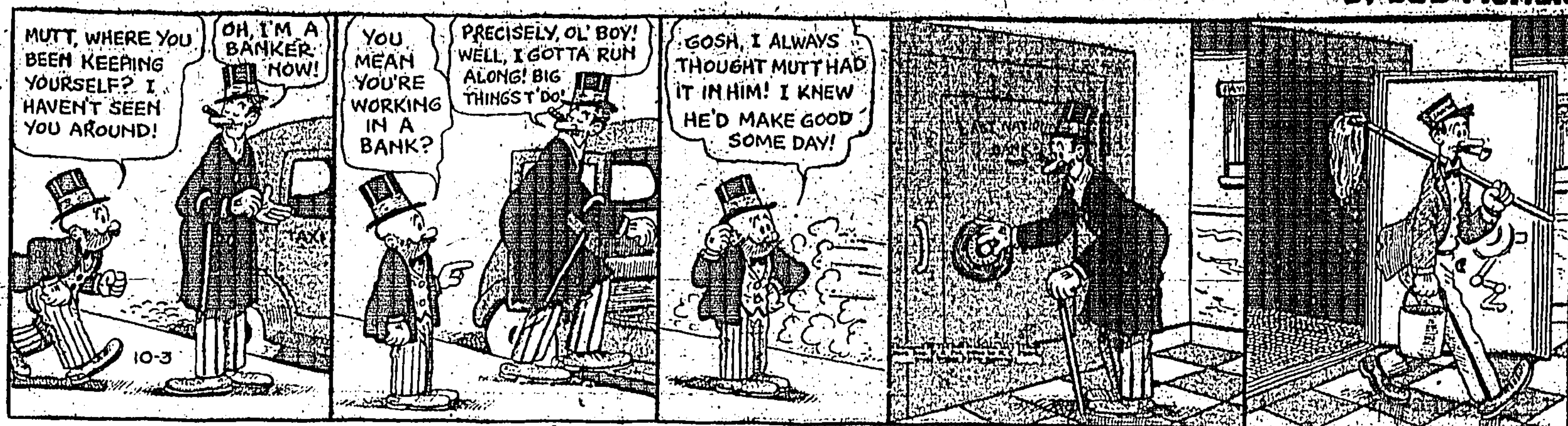
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN Lustre To Fading Hair

AFTER thirty-five, the majority of women experience fading hair and possibly graying hair. They may have neglected their scalp, or they may not. No scientist has yet been able to tell us why some women's hair fades more quickly than others. There are many guesses on the subject but the fact remains that there seems little we can do to prevent our hair from turning gray. But we can keep fading hair looking alive and lustrous by pampering it daily with sensible care.

Dry scalps, which usually accompany fading or graying hair, respond willingly to oil. Lots of oil. Oil soaks the night before a shampoo, hot oil shampoos in a salon, and an oil pomade rubbed on curled ends after a setting. Also use an oil liquid shampoo—not a drying one. Between shampoos it is a good idea to rub on the scalp sparingly, a little lubricating ointment or a special tonic mixed for your particular hair condition. At no time should your hair look oily, nor should it look dry and faded.



Various Rinses

Blondes or redheads may use a camomile rinse to get a sunny lustre. This is done by steeping one cupful of camomile flowers (purchased at a reputable drug-store) in a quart of boiling water. Strain the mixture and put it on the hair after a thorough shampoo and rinsing. Comb it through the hair evenly and let it remain until next washing.

A lemon rinse, as most of you know, is used to brighten and fluff light hair. The usual mixture is the juice of a large lemon in a quart of warm water. This also is applied after a thorough soap shampoo and several clear water rinsings. Allow it to remain on the hair a few minutes and then rinse it off with clear warm water.

Brunettes and mousey-haired women may use a vinegar rinse to soften the hair and give it a becoming sheen. Four tablespoons of vinegar in a quart of warm water run through the hair and then rinsed off with fresh warm water, does the trick.

Whitening Yellowed Gray Hair

If your hair is light gray or near white, and if the ends are turning yellow, you may bleach it slightly by adding a little hair-rinsing bluing to the last clear water rinse. There is also a tonic available which when used daily, gradually whitens hair that has taken a long time turning. It is available at most good cosmetic counters. Definitely harmless—in fact, it aids your scalp as it whitens the hair.

Henna Rinses

The use of henna to liven fading hair has long been a favourite among women, but most women do not realize that henna shades must be carefully selected, brewed, and applied, so it is best to have henna applied by a professional hair tinter the first time. Then if you are capable, you may apply the henna rinse at home. Never attempt to cover bleached hair with henna without first restoring the hair's vitality through several thorough oil treatments and much brushing.



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side the bag to hold mending silks, wool and darning needles.

It takes care and practice to become a neat mender, and that's why small daughters should be taught to darn neatly as soon as they are old enough to learn to sew.

Look over the stockings you are wearing regularly and watch to see if they are getting thin. It is always wise to darn over the thin places before the holes appear. Every time you buy a pair of stockings darn across the heels and toes with fine running stitches before you start to wear them.

They will last you double the time.

The same applies to children's socks.

Narrow ladders can be neatly mended by placing the two edges of running stitches on the wrong side with a very fine needle and a single fine strand of darning silk.

Remember when you darn woolen socks for the man of the family to darn them neatly, leaving a small loop at each end of the row of stitches to allow for shrinking. In the case of hand-knitted socks, it's always best, when there are fairly big holes, to unravel the stocking or sock to the ankle and then re-knit the foot.

Now is a good time to overhaul autumn tweeds and woollens for any necessary repairs.

As a general rule tears in tweeds and other woollens should have professional attention, and I believe in sending them to a tailor.

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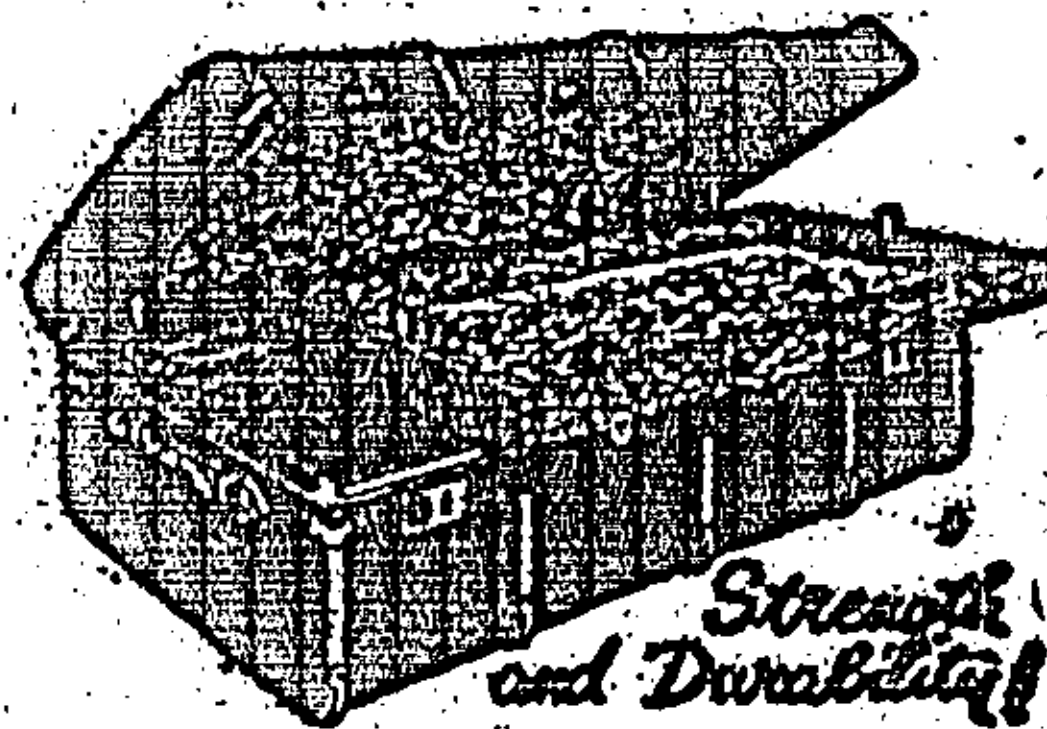
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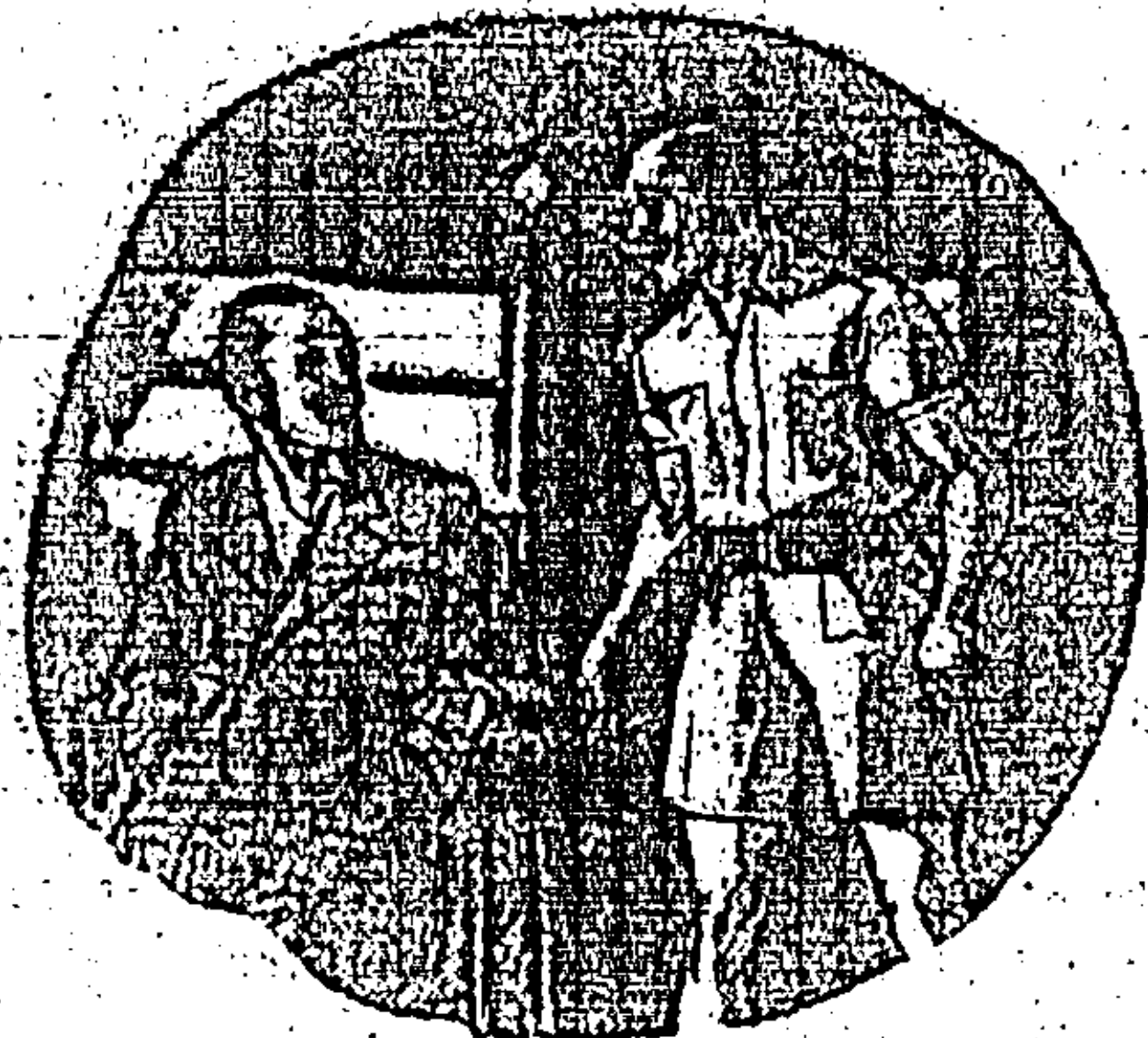
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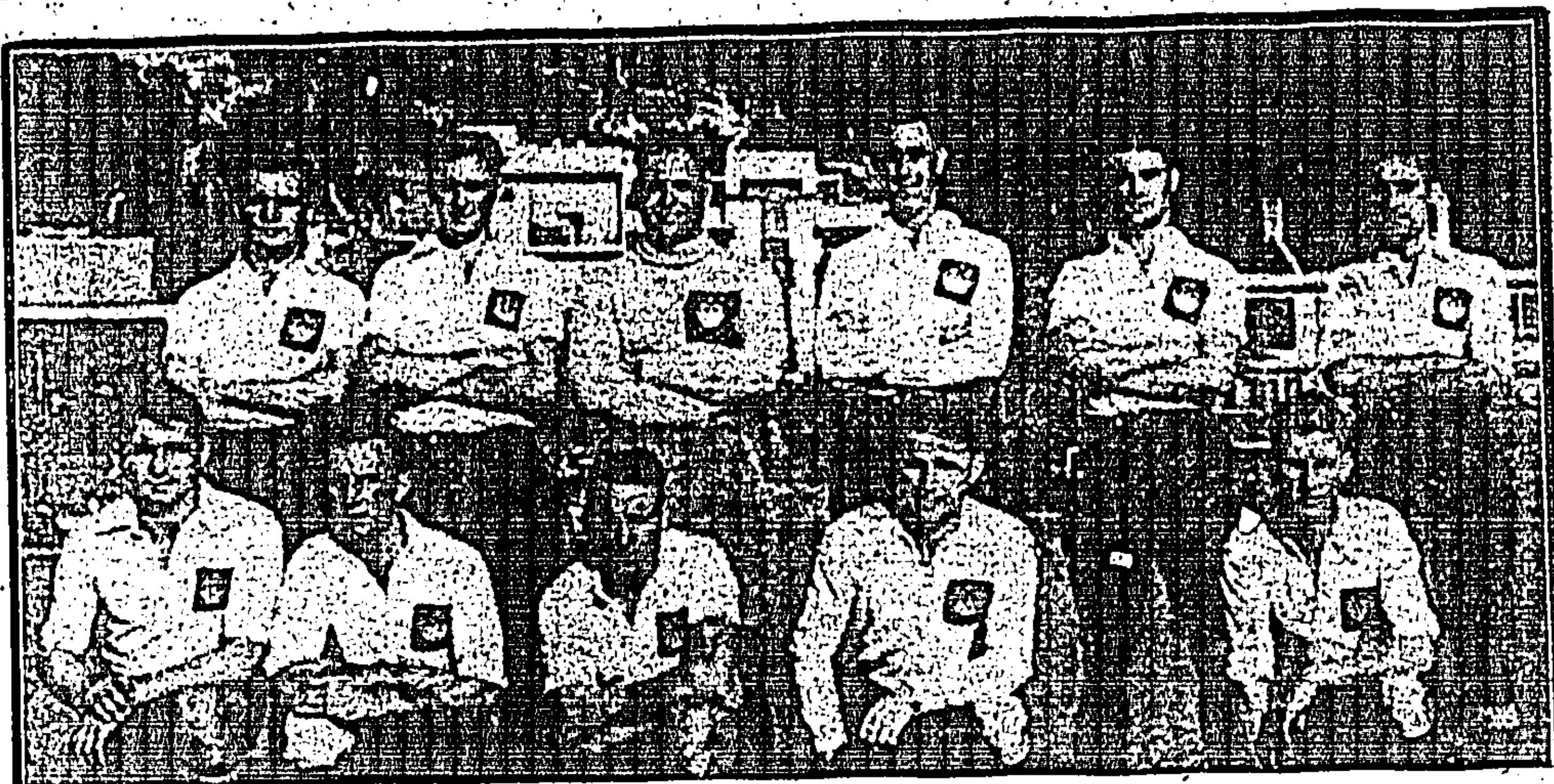
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Miss M. Smalley and Captain A. G. Atkinson at Fanling last Saturday during the Cottage Club Ride. (Kahn).

Serious Breach, Hitler and Petain, Threatening

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A SERIOUS BREACH between Germany and the Petain Government is threatening over the expulsion of French citizens from the province of Lorraine.

Following an emergency Cabinet meeting, the Vichy Government sharply protested to Berlin against the order under which between 300,000 and 400,000 Frenchmen and French women are being uprooted from Lorraine and sent to Poland or to other parts of France.

A sensation was caused by a despatch from D.N.B., the official German news agency, alleging that France had not kept to her pledges of cooperation given during the recent meeting of Marshal Petain, M. Laval and Hitler.

Vichy officials sharply disagreed with a reported statement by Joseph Buerckel, "Gauleiter" of Occupied France, to the effect that the transplantation of the Lorrainians was provided for in the Franco-German agreement.

"Never during the conversations was any such measure even mentioned," said one Vichy official.

British Successes

Meanwhile, the news of the heavy Italian fleet losses and the Italian failure in Greece and the setbacks they have received has created a profound impression in France.

Observers in Vichy believe that the German expulsion order in Lorraine will deal a hard blow to Franco-German cooperation.

D.N.B. charges the French people with having "ruined" this cooperation.—International News Service.

Petain Presides

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Vichy Council of Ministers was summoned to a special session, under the chairmanship of Marshal Petain, to deal with

LAOS TAKES OATH TO FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Following a colourful ceremony, the population of Laos took the oath of loyalty to France, stressing their determination to defend themselves against any attack and to remain under French protection.

The ceremony was held at Vientiane, capital of Laos, where all the Laotian mandarins took the oath before the population.

M. Touzet, French Resident-General, was invited with his official party to the celebration held by Laotian and Annamite clubs. On the way, he received tremendous ovation from a large crowd of villagers.

Speeches were delivered by the presidents of the respective clubs stressing their devotion and loyalty to France.

In reply, M. Touzet thanked them and stressed France's love for peace and her determination to resist any attacks. — Havas.

the wholesale expulsion of Lorrainians from their homes.

M. Peyrouton, Home Minister, issued a communique to the press stating in part that the Government was "taking the utmost care of the fate of some populations arriving from Eastern France."

"The Minister of Agriculture, Pierre Caziot, is urgently studying a series of measures aiming to provide our fellow countrymen with a means of living and their assimilation into the French economic system." — Havas.

Seven Trainloads Daily

Expulsion of French-speaking inhabitants from Lorraine has been proceeding at the rate of seven trainloads daily.

According to a communique issued in Vichy yesterday, "The German authorities in Lorraine invited French-speaking inhabitants to choose between being transferred to Poland or being sent to France."

"Our compatriots have chosen France. Since November 11, their expulsion has been proceeding at the rate of five to seven trainloads daily."

"Unauthorised quarters have stated that this is an accordance with an agreement between the

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For more than two hours men at the North Island naval air station (San Diego, Calif.) watched a 'plane circle overhead in defiance of Uncle Sam's defence law. Then it landed.

The craft proved to be a toy, powered by rubber bands. Air currents had kept it aloft.

LABOUR SERVICE CORPS FOR CHUNGKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Seventy thousand workers in Chungking will be organised into a Labour Service Corps by the Social Affairs Board. The headquarters were inaugurated yesterday.

Registration of workers begins to-day and will be completed next month. — Havas.

French and German governments.

"The French Government gives the most formal denial to this suggestion. No measure of this kind was ever discussed in the Franco-German talks."

"The French Government has drawn the German Armistice Commission's attention to these facts." — Reuter.

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WHY?

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TO BE TOO FIT
THESE DAYS
ALTHOUGH HE IS
ONLY BACK
FROM LEAVE
FIVE MONTHS.
I'LL TACKLE
HIM

WHAT'S THE MATTER
WITH YOU JACKSON?
IS THE RESPONSIBILITY
TOO MUCH
FOR YOU?

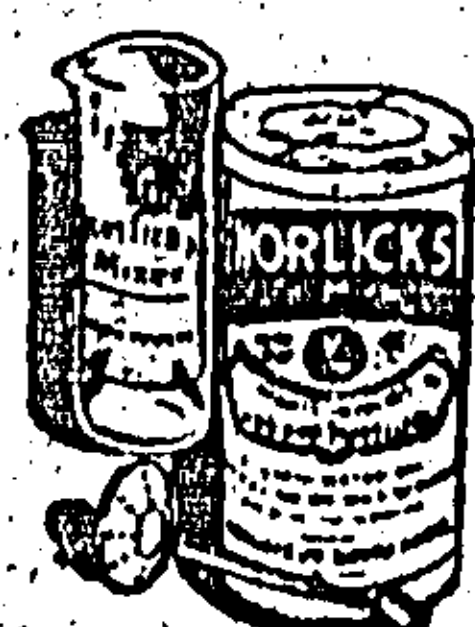
IT'S NOT THAT SIR—THE
CLIMATE MUST BE
GETTING ME DOWN.
I SEEM TO LACK ALL
ENERGY—I EVEN
WAKE TIRED—
I THINK I'LL SEE
A DOCTOR.

AT THE DOCTOR'S
"YOUR TROUBLE IS NIGHT
STARVATION. YOU SEE, WHILE
YOU SLEEP YOUR HEART, LUNGS
AND OTHER AUTOMATIC PROCESSES
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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Eleventh Extra Race Meeting,
16th November, 1940

HANDICAP WEIGHTS

Race No. 4. New Bridge Handicap—First Section.
Race No. 5. Castle Peak Handicap—First Section.
Race No. 6. New South Wales Handicap.

Weights in the above have been reduced 5 lb. all round.
The correct weights will appear in the Race Book.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 12th November, 1940.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The ELEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th November, 1940, commencing at 2:00 p.m.
The First Bell will be rung at 1:30 p.m.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong 11th Nov., 1940.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of November, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.
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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rent	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4296.	Kowloon City Road, To Kwa Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 16,300	\$300	\$12,225
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By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
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Hong Kong, 4th October, 1940.

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THE COMPULSORY DUCK

By The Four Aces

In most situations a player may choose between playing a high and a low card, but the hand below illustrates a compulsory duck:

West, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable
♠ K 7 5 3
♥ 6
♦ A Q J 10
♣ A K J 6
♠ A 2
♥ A K J 9
♦ 3
♣ 8 6 3
♠ 8 7 3
♠ Q 8 6 4
♥ Q 10 4
♦ 9 5 4
♣ Q 10 4

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♥	Dbl.	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠

West opened the King of hearts and then shifted to the eight of diamonds. East won with the King of diamonds and returned the suit, dummy winning with the Jack. Declarer realised that he could not afford to let the outstanding trump Ace capture the King or the Queen, for then the opponents would surely win a second trump trick with the Jack or ten. The only chance, therefore, was to find the doubleton Ace of trumps in either the East or the West hand — and, having found that distribution, to play the trumps properly.

Since West had made an opening bid with not the slightest side strength in diamonds or clubs, South felt sure that the spade Ace was in the West hand. His first step, therefore was to enter his own hand by leading a low club from the dummy and winning with the ten in his own hand. Next came a low spade. West naturally played low, since to put up the Ace would solve all of South's difficulties. Dummy won with the King of spades and returned a trump. It was at this point that it was absolutely compulsory for South to duck. To play the Queen would surely allow West to capture an honour with his Ace; and the East would win the setting trick with the Jack of trumps. South had to play low and hope that West would have to play his Ace of

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trumps anyway. Since that was the case, South made his contract.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, not vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you held:

♠ 8 c
♥ A K J 10 7 3
♦ K 9 7 4
♣ 8 5

The bidding:

You	Maier	Jacoby	Schenker
1♥	Dbl.	2♥	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid four hearts. You have a fine chance to shut the opponents out of the bidding. That is highly desirable because you have practically no defensive strength; and your partner's bid shows a similar inability to defend.

Score 100% for four hearts; 60% for three hearts; 20% for pass.

Question No. 565

To-day you are Merwin D. Maier's partner and, not vulnerable against vulnerable opponents, you hold

♠ Q 5 3 2
♥ 6
♦ A K Q 5 3
♣ K 6 2

The bidding:

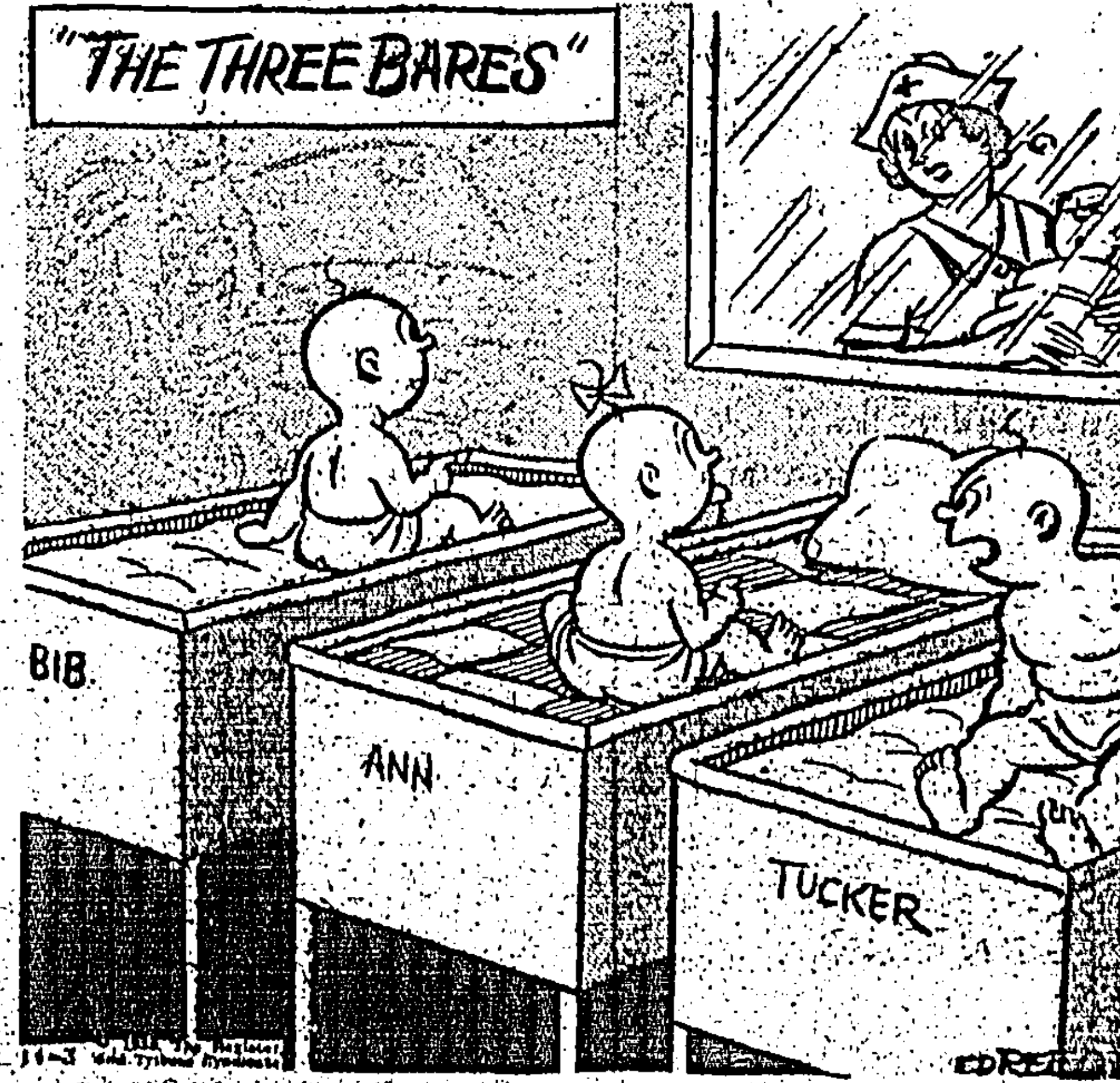
Schenker	Maier	Jacoby	You
1♥	1♠	Pass	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow.)

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By ED REED

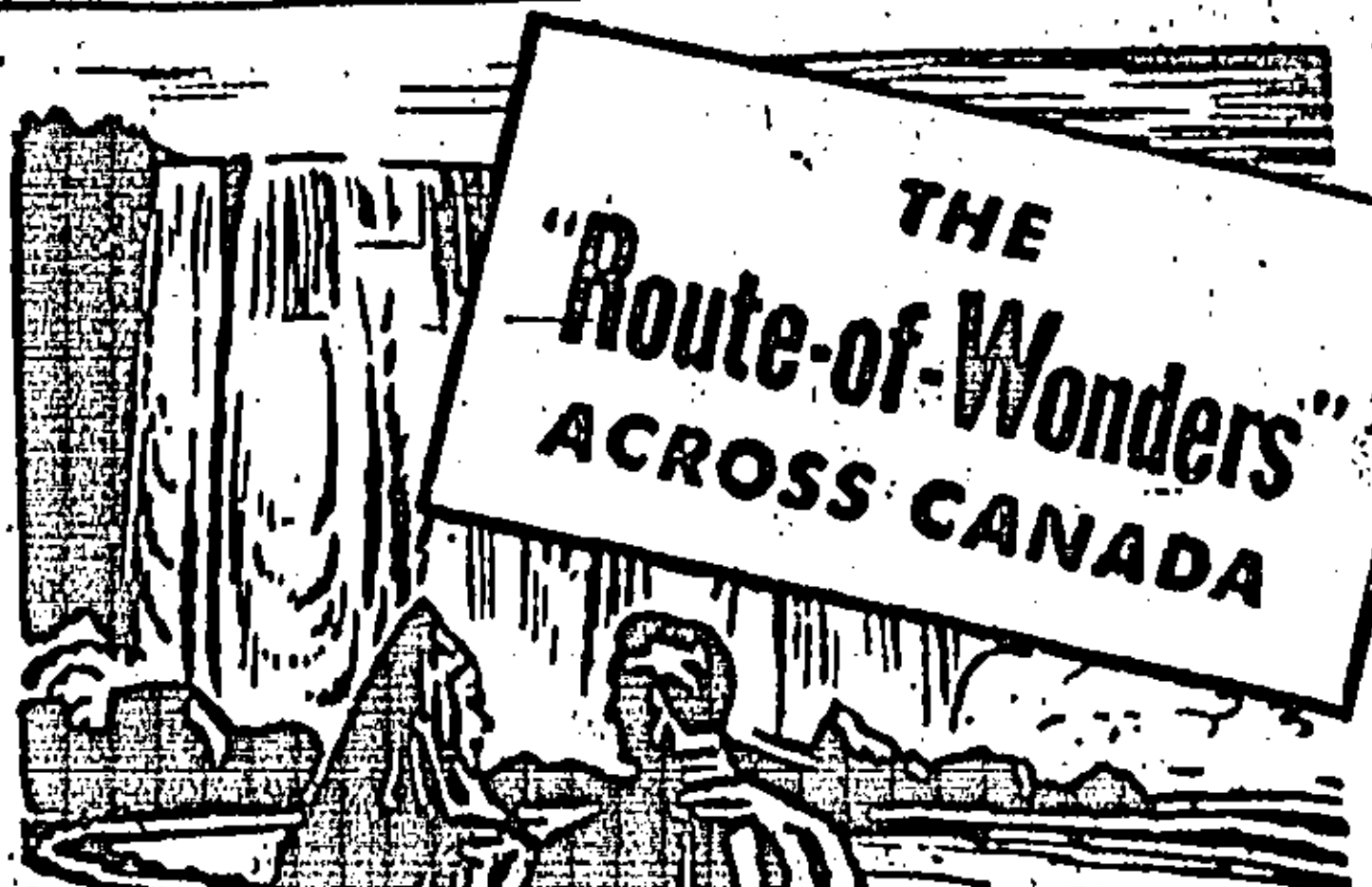


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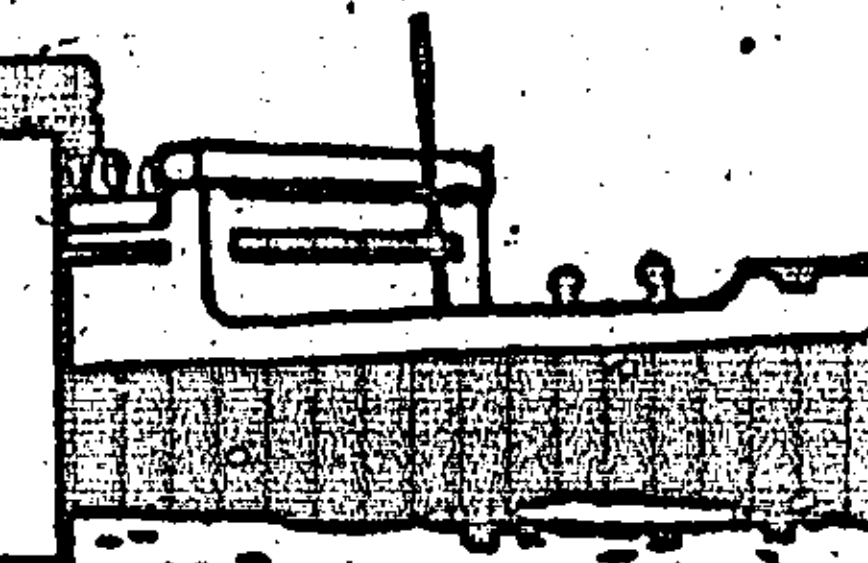
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SUNDAY

Swatow.

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FOR DATE & TIME

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RADIO

12.30 p.m.—Lucienne Boyer and Charles Trenet in a Light French Programme.

1.03 p.m.—Dance Music by Carroll Gibbons and The Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Mozart—Quartet in E Flat Major.
1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Larghetto; 3rd Mov: Allegretto....Hortense Monath (Piano) & The Pasquier Trio.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.02 p.m.—New Variety.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour".

7.30 p.m.—Max Miller in the Finsbury Park Empire Theatre. (An actual theatre recording).

7.52 p.m.—Russian Novelty Orchestra.
Waltzes—
Volga (Composer Unknown).
Gypsy (Composer Unknown).

8.03 p.m.—Fletcher—Sylvan Scenes Suite.
Part 1: In Beauty's Bower; Part 2: Sylvia's Dances; Part 3: The Pool of Narcissus; Part 4: Cupid's Carnival
...London Palladium Orchestra.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Atmospheric"—A Play by Lord Dunsany.

8.35 p.m.—Vaughan Williams—Serenade to Music.

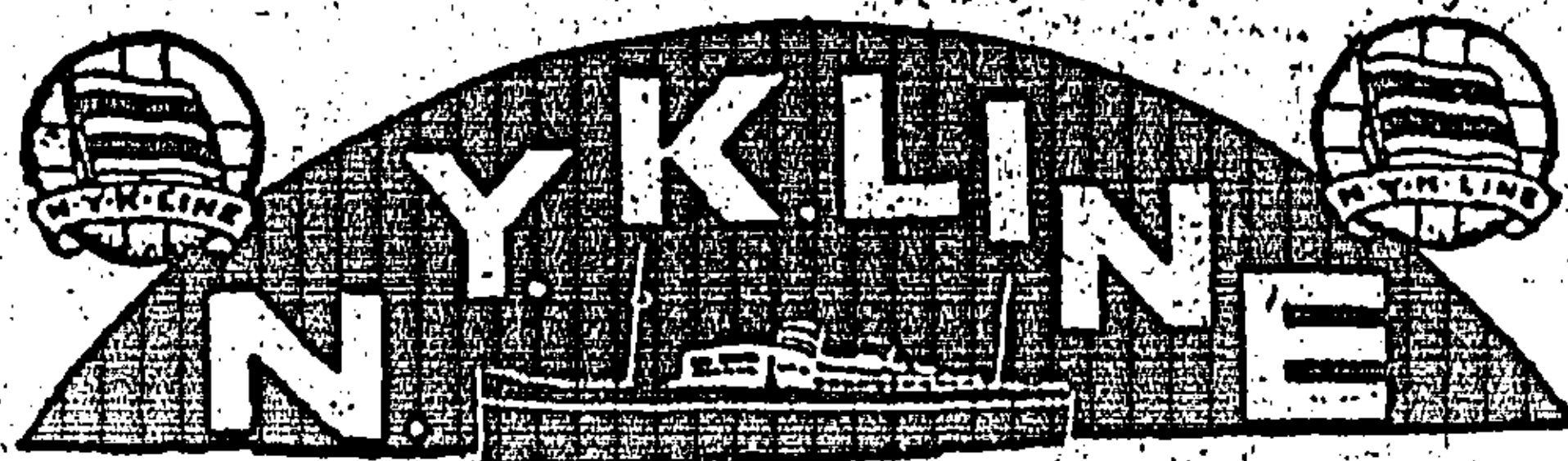
8.50 p.m.—Piano Solo by Egon Petri. Fantasia—In Memory of My Father (Busoni—after J. S. Bach).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentaries.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: "Books and People".

9.45 p.m.—A Request Classical Programme.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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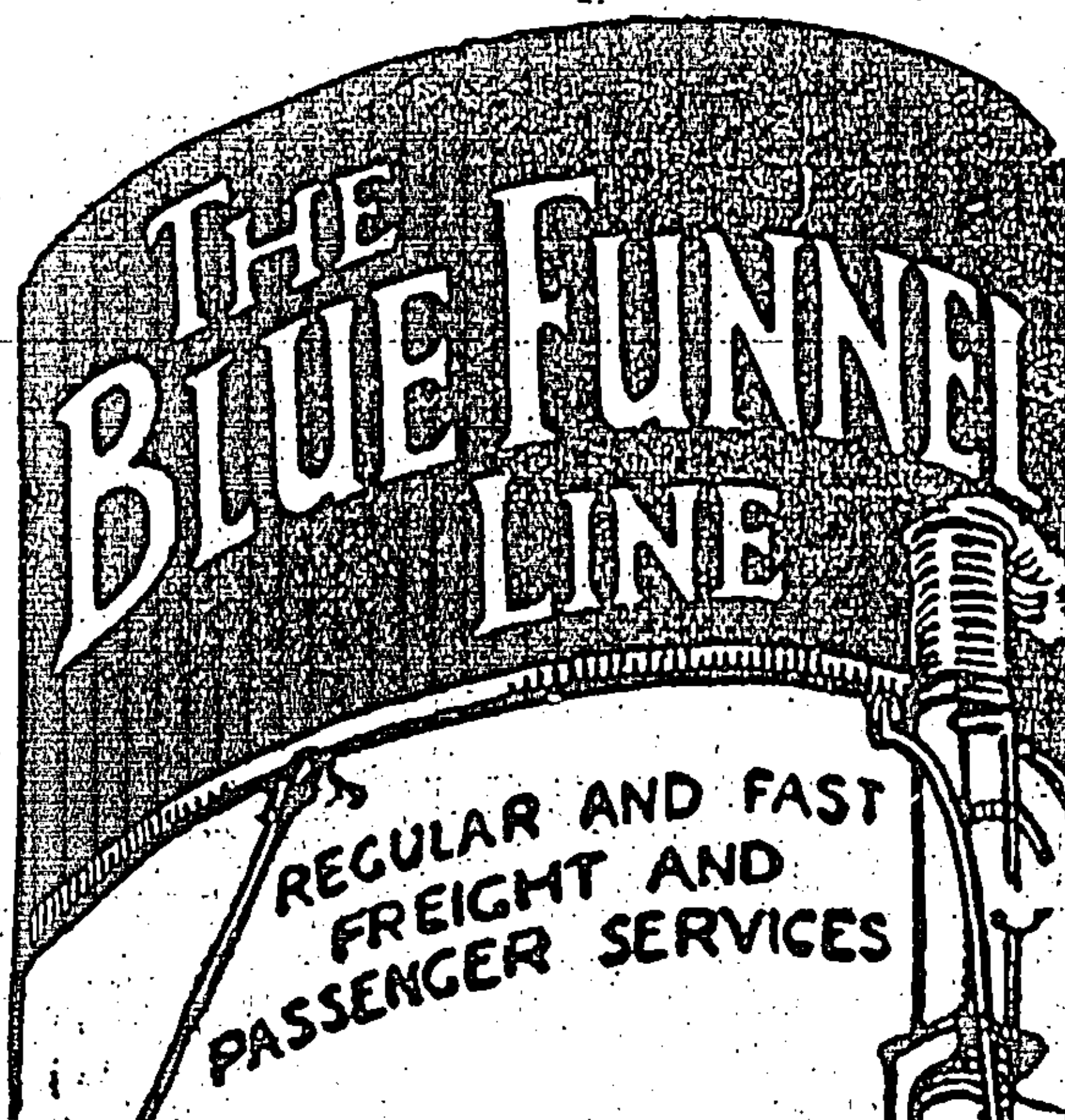
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LAWN BOWLS NOTES

"CHINA MAIL" CUP TOURNEY REACHES THE FINAL STAGE

Six Matches Played Last Sunday

Anti-Aircraft Gunners Give Little Away

By "Skip"

THE FINE WEATHER WHICH FAVOURED THE ASSOCIATION'S CLOSING DAY HELD UP FOR SUNDAY AND IT WAS POSSIBLE TO PLAY OFF THE SIX MATCHES SCHEDULED IN THE "CHINA MAIL" CUP COMPETITION.

The quarter-finals, which took place in the morning, resulted as expected but there was a major upset in the semi-finals when 5th A.A. Battery eliminated the favourites, No. 6 Company's "A" team.

The latter had scored an expected win against Field Ambulance "B" in the morning, the margin of shots being exactly a dozen. They ran into a lead early on and always seemed able to win although the Medical men nearly caught up at one stage. All of the No. 6 men were steady whilst Roza, pitted against no less redoubtable a player than Joe Luz, was the most reliable of the losing team.

Field Engineers "C" from Kowloon Dock scored a six—a very good six I may add as Morrison forced the jack through to make the big count possible—at the very first head against Field Engineers "B" and went on to lead by 14/2 but then the Sappers got going and, finishing strongly, they lost by only eight shots.

Ack-Acks Have A Struggle

5th A.A. Battery did not have an easy time against Field Engineers "A" although they eventually won by six shots.

The winners scored a five early on and this just about made the difference, especially as they followed it up with a three, to secure a winning lead.

The five was an excellent one, Chalmers' three front men all drawing beautifully to the jack to pack the head so well, that Stephens' wood, only eighteen inches away, did not save.

Sykes played his only bad head here and with Capt. Jack Bottomley also failing the rear men had a difficult task.

Melrose was deadly in the early stages though he only just had the better of the Sappers' lead but the latter secured the honours towards the finish to even matters up.

Main was steadiness personified but his opponent was weak whilst Spud Spary, though good, was not quite equal to Jimmy Chalmers—and that is where the difference lay.

Score True Indication

Although the score 28/8 was a true indication of the game between First Battery "A" and A.S.C. Coy. "A", the Gunners actually led by 7/5 after eight heads, some of them so bad that they were wittily called "Sunday morning heads."

Then the opposition began to deliver the goods in bulk, to use one of their familiar phrases, and the losers added only one more shot. Peter Morrison was very promising early on, though not so consistent after the half way stage, but Jack Carr could not get the length at all.

Bickford put in some good ones but the O.C. played a Captain's game and saved frequently. He really had little chance once the winners got the lead. Cullen, for the latter, was erratic in his length but the men following were too steady for the opposition.

The Semi-finals, as I expected, attracted a goodly crowd of fans who were provided with a couple of interesting games.

That between No. 6 "A" and

Owing to pressure on space Army Sportlight has been held over until to-morrow.

5th A.A. Battery was the better from a bowling point of view, although the other game produced some thrilling moments, notably when first Kern then Morrison, killed the head in desperate and successful efforts to save the situation.

No. 6 Company were up against a Gibraltar-like team and had to fight for every shot, Jimmy Chalmers being especially deadly with his drawing shots.

On one occasion the Portuguese were counting no less than seven but he drew not only a saver, which would satisfy most skips, but the very first shot!

Keown, as his third man, had one good wood every head but usually one not so good, whilst Main, who was opposed to the strongest of the opposition in Dick Alves, gave little away.

Melrose Shines

Melrose was very good and held Joe Luz in check with something to spare, for the latter was not as good as he had been in the morning. Consequently, Dick Alves had plenty of saving to do and he achieved his task very well.

Johnny Ribeiro was not as consistent as usual, whilst Chico's best shots were of the pound-on variety in which he never failed once.

As the Portuguese required three to tie at the last head and were lying a brace when their skip went down to bowl, it can well be imagined that the atmosphere was electrified. Chico just failed to draw with his first after Chalmers had, I think, put one a yard past the jack for safety. Chalmers could not save with his next one and after examining the head—I might almost say cross-examining, judging by the time it took to weigh up the possibilities—Chico decided to draw. Or at least I think he did, for he had three chances—a dead draw to tie, face their nearest at the back for a win or if narrow to bump one up.

I wonder if he fell between three stools—for he was just a trifle heavy. But then skips must be up you know and one did not envy him the task!

Meyer's Spectacular Shot

Alec Calman, who was playing under a great mental hazard on account of the news of the "or —" very sportingly turned out again in the afternoon but was obviously not at his best and Cullen had rather the better of him though not by much.

Willie Hyde again proved the sheet anchor of the A.S.C. Company team and apart from two or three heads he was always somewhere handy.

At one head in particular both Cullen and he failed and the Engineers piled up five or six, all in a line up and down the green, but Joe Meyer saved with a really spectacular shot—which he said was heavy as it left his hand—taking the jack through only a couple of inches for a certain counter.

The same player had a further opportunity to shine a little later when he broke up a big count and was fortunate to take the jack to his first wood at the back of the rink.

But Bob Morrison was always a thorn in the side of the enemy. At one head—to mention just one—he saved a beautiful five which Kern admittedly should have protected.

"CHINA MAIL" CUP FINAL

The final of the "China Mail" Volunteer Lawn Bowls Cup Competition, between 5th A.A. Battery and A.S.C. Coy. "A", will be played at Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Sunday, commencing at 3 p.m. The cup and souvenirs will be presented to the successful unit by Col. H. B. Rose, Commandant of the H.K.V.D.C., after the match.

THAT SHIELD MESS

By Skip

Never has an Aitkenhead Shield match lasted so long, or created as much interest as the last one, for it began at 2.45 on Saturday afternoon and to all intents and purposes is still going on as I write—for no one yet knows officially who won—whilst the ultimate results and the events leading up to it have been the main topic of conversation in the clubs since Saturday evening.

While in theory the Association officials must be considered to be the guilty parties, I cannot help sympathising with them very strongly—although I reserve the right to criticise the fact that no less than four persons were endeavouring to summarise the totals of only a dozen boards—a task in which it will be admitted they failed early in the game, when the scores of the first five heads were added to those of the first ten, and the sum total, recorded on the board, as being the tenth head scores.

Mistake Spotted

The mistake was soon observed and rectified I must add, but this has nothing to do with the contretemps—a polite way of putting what others have described differently—which has arisen over the final scores. This I say right away. I blame chiefly on those skips who, in two cases, relied on their Number Twos, who by I.B.E. rules must keep the scores AND ANNOUNCE THE SCORE AT THE END OF EACH HEAD.

I blame the skips only insofar as they did not check the boards and cards to see if they were the same before signing and although it is no excuse for them I may add that in very few cases is this done.

And just see what this omission has led to this time—a lot of trouble to all concerned—and a general confusion as regards the result which I presume will have to be discussed by the full Committee of the Association.

This bad marking of cards is not new—it has been going on for years—and during the first weeks of the present season I referred to it no less than three times—ending up one sentence with "what a farce this signing by skips has become."

I reiterate it with emphasis and can only hope that last Saturday's affair will lead to some improvement in the matter, or action by the Association.

A Solution

As regards the settlement of the matter, I suggest that the match be officially recorded as a win for Kowloon and that all Hong Kong players return the spoons—within a week so as to clear up the matter quickly—to their opposite number or to the Association. No sportsman would wish to retain a trophy, however small, to which he is not entitled!

AITKENHEAD SHIELD

THOROUGHLY ENJOYABLE SATURDAY AFTERNOON

By Skip

I HAVE DISCUSSED as forcibly as I dare in another column the mix-up over the Aitkenhead Shield scores but coming to a head as it did on Sunday, it did not prevent the players and all concerned from enjoying a thoroughly successful day on Saturday, in which the dourness of League games was to a large extent absent.

I think it will be agreed that the Hong Kong players were not expected to put up such strong opposition as they did, whilst for the benefit of those who have had their laugh at my expense and castigated my efforts at forecasting, I may say that the team which represented the Island was materially different—and generally much stronger than that originally announced.

This does not apply quite literally to Jack Deakin's rink against Frank Goodwin in the battle of the Captains, for, as Willie Dall was unable to turn out, Khan went from lead to third man, where he did quite well, I believe, and Hodges of Stanley came "off the bank" to fill in the vacant place.

The mainland skip, for whom Joe Fraser was in good form, won chiefly by reason of a nap hand towards the finish.

On the next rink Jimmy "Hope" Kew was meantime providing one of the sensations of the afternoon by beating Charlie Rossette heavily—the latter being 16 down at the 19th, when the skips exchanged counts of five, Rossette getting his at a vital stage in the whole match. At the last end, Kew's Kowloon Tong four were all bowling splendidly and, with practically no support from his front men, Rossette was continually forced to be heavy.

Wrong Again

My third forecast was wrong insofar as I said Holland would win, but as there were only four shots in it, I can claim to be partially right as I indicated a close result.

The two leads Yusuf and Deacon had an epic struggle with honours high and even, but Waterton, who was about the best of the home rink, was beating Doctor Lam, which gave Dick Basa some well-taken chances to shine, though once again Omar was the outstanding player on the rink.

Percy Younghusband skipped a Kowloon Football Club rink against Biffie Jillett's four from Stanley—so much easier than Prison Officers' Club—and secured the better end of a very exciting game.

Tich Freeman and Arthur Dand seemed to be playing a steady game as leads, with neither having much advantage at the finish.

As I was perhaps a little hard on Bill Casey in my notes on Saturday, when I said that he would not see the way Willie Walker was going, I feel I must make adequate amends by saying that the boot was almost on the other foot. Walker would have had to be at his best to hold him on the day's showing but he was not and, with Joe Prentice getting the better of his opponent, Meyer and Hall were up against it most of the time.

Sammy Nolan played so well against the former and Ted Post drew so many really uncanny shots against Hall, that it seems remarkable that the Island four did not win by many more than five shots—they certainly deserved to do so.

Most Remarkable Game

Most remarkable game of the whole lot was that between Walter Gill and Ernie Kern. The Kowloon team, after 10 heads, were leading by no less than 10-0, whilst, with only two heads to go, they were up 35/3, but then Gill's four doubled their score and secured a singleton at the last end.

This rink was the last to finish and the Kowloon skip was

told that his side was five up but in any case I do not think he could have removed the shot which after the match appeared to be the decider.

Gelling was being beaten by Overy most of the time whilst Butler was obviously out of practice and Ted Ramsey was able to add several shots, though Willie Hyde was the star turn of the side. Joe Landolt, playing three in place of Gill who skipped for Duncan, was always trying to save, as was "Pop" but their's was a hopeless task, though I thought they might have attacked it with more success.

There was never much difference in the scores in the McKelvie/Chalmers duel, though the former secured a six at the third head. He eventually got home by the important three which he got at the last head—the score which has caused all the bobbery!

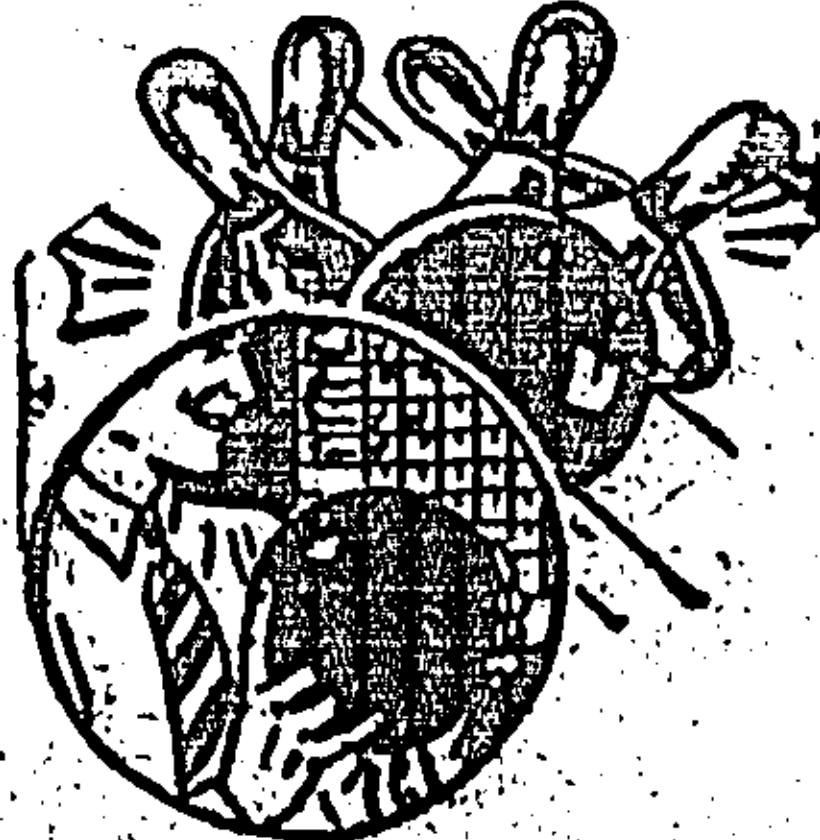
Footballers' Fine Game

On Rink No. 8, I thought that Jackie Noronha would beat Brooksbank by more than four—another last head win—but I am told that the Footballers put up an excellent game especially Wallington as lead and Lionel Lammer, the former being little behind Joe Luz in drawing to the kiddy.

I understand that Jack Fender was in really deadly form and put down hardly one wood which did not improve the situation for his side, the chief benefits coming after the interval.

Rakusen ran into a lead of nine shots to nil against Spuggy Silva, whose rink looked pretty useful, and he never looked back afterwards, the dozen-shot margin being a fair indication of the side's—and his own—playing, for he was in excellent fettle, drawing and putting a pound on with equal facility.

Then at the end of the green came two more upsets and in both cases I feel they were due to changes in the visiting team, for Alf Coates took the place of Bill Way against Simpson's four and won very handsomely, whilst "Abe" Abbas replaced Adal with an unfavourable result to Carlos Silva's rink, in which I hear "Binnie" Remedios was quite useful as lead against Jeff Hoosen.



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RACING

BURFORD EXPECTED TO WIN THE HONG KONG ST. LEGER

Mr. H.C. Pih In Shanghai: Mr. Needa Back

Eve Of Peace And Happy Landings For The "Double"

By "Rapier"

THE ELEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING AT HAPPY VALLEY TO-MORROW BRINGS RACING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NEAR THE END OF THE 1940 SEASON.

There is no denying the fact that it has so far been an exceptionally successful season, and to-morrow, given the prevailing glorious weather conditions, I expect a large crowd to attend.

An attractive programme of eight events has been arranged, most interesting of which is the Hong Kong St. Leger. This is the third race on the programme, and will be contested over 1-3/4 miles by China ponies, griffins of this season, and victory is certain to go to the pony with the greatest stamina.

Championship honours among the jockeys has now reached an interesting stage, and, with only two more meetings to go, competition should be keen. Mr. V. V. Needa has returned from the North, but Mr. H. C. Pih will not be in action as he left for the Northern port some time last week.

Race No. 1. TAPO STAKES: ONE MILE

First event on the programme will be contested by novice jockeys on "E" Class China ponies, weight 147 lb., with 1 lb. penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes since January 1, 1940. Ascot Vale (Mr. Sequera), for coming in fourth in the Junk Bay Handicap (Second Section) for "D" Class ponies, was recently demoted and, as it will be carrying only 5 lb. more than in the above race, I don't think the extra weight will prejudice its chances of winning this race, notwithstanding the fact that it ran unplaced at Macao last Sunday.

Geordie (Mr. Wood) was third in the Republican Handicap (First Section) at Macao on Sunday when ridden by Mr. K. I. Ip and it should give Ascot Vale a good fight for first place. Lancashire Chap (Mr. S. W. Lee) is also to be considered as this pony has been knocking at the door of suc-

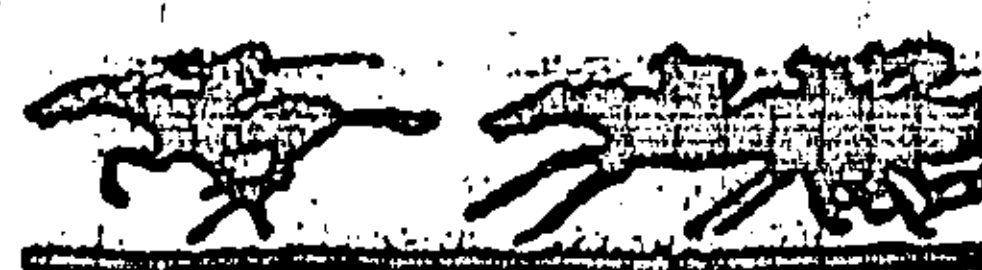
cess for a long time, and I think its chances are fairly bright, while National Liberty (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai) is another pony to be watched as it is quite capable of causing an upset. Mr. Chiu Kifan has the choice of either Desert Star or Radium Star, the winner of the Republican Handicap (First Section) at Macao last Sunday; he will probably take out the former as it is the better of the two over this distance and should do well. Heddon ran very well to come in second to Radium Star at Macao, when it lost by a neck and, as it will again be taken out by Mr. Lo Kwok-to, it should not be disregarded.

I nominate Ascot Vale to take first place, with Geordie second and Desert Star third.

Race No. 2. NEWCASTLE HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

This race is confined to "C" Class Australian ponies. By virtue of its win in the Canberra Plate over the mile at the Eighth Extra meeting, Venus Bay (Mr. Needa) has been penalised by 20 lb., but in view of the shorter distance, coupled with Mr. Needa's experience, I am inclined to believe that it will still be able to win despite the extra weight.

Main challenge will probably come from Cheerful Star, the



winner of the Ballarat Handicap at the Ninth Extra meeting. Its weight is up by 18 lb.

There is also Centre Court (Mr. Sung) to be reckoned with as this pony, in view of its recent placing behind Piccadilly Jim in the Queensland Handicap over two miles at the last meeting, is quite capable of winning.

Catterick Bridge (Mr. Hearne) has been promoted since its last outing when it won the Queensland Handicap over this distance and, as it will be running with 13 lb. less, it should be prominent at the finish, while Bredon, if again ridden by Mr. Chatley, will have 5 lb. allowance and, with only 140 lb. to handle, should do well if given a good start.

For a long shot, I suggest keeping A Green Time (Mr. Wei) in mind as this pony is fast over this distance.

Race No. 3. HONG KONG ST. LEGER: 1 3/4 MILES

This is the main event of the afternoon and I expect the following ponies to fight out the issue:—

Burford (Mr. Black), O-Lan (Mr. Needa), Craigavad (Mr. Wei).

Burford, the champion pony, has not raced since its dead-heat win with Confusion Bay in the Easter Stakes and, as it has fully recovered from its ailment, I think it should have little difficulty in winning this race. There is, of course, O-Lan to be reckoned with as this pony ran very well to come in second to Eve of Harvest in the October Handicap (1 1/4 miles). Craigavad may do better over the longer distance with a change of jockey.

I nominate Burford to win, however, with O-Lan second and Craigavad third.

Race No. 4. NEW BRIDGE HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): FROM THE 1-1/2 MILE POST

This is a sprint event for "B" Class Australian ponies. A good start here will make all the difference between winning and losing, and I would suggest that a careful note be taken of the draw for position. Devonian (Mr. Trevorton), Melody Star (Mr. Craven), Rowan (Mr. Hearne) and Tornado Star (Mr. S. W. Tang) have all been given 160 lb. to handle and I think we can safely leave them out.

I expect the winner to come from the following:—

Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx), Flying Dutchman (Mr. Needa), Pumpernickel, Springhurst (Mr. Poy).

Fair Chance, which was second to Income Tax in the Nullah Nullah Handicap (First Section) over the mile, is quite capable of winning here as it has shown improvement in its last two outings and will have the champion short distance jockey on top, but Flying Dutchman, which ran unplaced in the above race, when ridden by Mr. P. P. Botelho, with only 142 lb. to carry should win to-morrow with Mr. Needa up.

Pumpernickel dead-heated with Brown Derby for first place in the second section of the Nullah Nullah Handicap and, if taken out by Mr. Tao, should give Flying Dutchman a good fight. Springhurst, should not be disregarded as the distance suits it very well and an upset is not impossible.

I nominate Flying Dutchman to win, with Fair Chance second and Pumpernickel third.

Race No. 5. CASTLE PEAK HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double", and will be decided by "D" Class China ponies.

Sunlight View (Mr. P. P. Botelho) has been allotted top-weight of 163 lb. and so can be disregarded. Eve of Peace (Mr. Davis), for its second placing behind its stable companion Eve of Dancing with Mr. Barrow up, has been penalised by 6 lb. but in view of that performance, I don't think the extra weight will ruin its chances of winning.

There is also This Time (Mr. Wei), which is carrying 143 lb. to-morrow, to be reckoned with, as it won the Jordan Handicap (Second Section) from the 1 1/2 miles post when carrying top-weight of 163 lb.

West Lake (Mr. Chao) for its win in the Jordan Handicap (First Section) has gone up 6 lb. in weight and although I don't think much of its chances of winning, it should place.

Portrush (Mr. H. S. Chang) will probably try its running away tactics again and might cause an upset, while Sylvandale (Mr. Tao) should not be disregarded.

I fancy Eve of Peace for first place, with This Time second and West Lake third.

Race No. 6. NEW SOUTH WALES HANDICAP: FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

This race is confined to "A" Class Australian ponies, and, judging from its last outing, when it came second to Sapper in the Fremantle St. Leger, Amicus Curiae should command strong support in the betting.

Good as this pony is, however, I don't think it will win over this distance.

Australian Diamond (Mr. Wei), although it ran unplaced in the above race, is my choice for this race, as the distance is more suitable to it, but Baffin Bay (Mr. Needa), which was fourth in the Diamond Bay Handicap over the mile carrying 160 lb., is the danger and may cause an upset.

Viceroy will be taken out by Mr. Black to-morrow, and as it was third to Amicus Curiae with Mr. P. P. Botelho up in the above race, it should be very near at the finish.

Vanity Fair (Mr. Ip Kai Ying), which won and then lost the Moore Park Handicap over six furlongs by disqualification for bumping and boring, should do well if it can produce the same form.

Australian Diamond, however, should win with Baffin Bay second and Amicus Curiae third.

Race No. 7. NEW BRIDGE HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): FROM THE 1-1/2 MILE POST

Those who succeed in making the right choice in the first leg of the "Daily Double" will probably find it difficult to make the right connection in this sprint, which is confined to second section of "B" Class Australian ponies. The race should be fought out between the following ponies:—

A Great Time (Mr. Wei), Cockleroi (Mr. Ip Kai Ying), Derby Day (Mr. Hearne), Franklin (Mr. Chao), Happy Landings (Mr. Davis).

TROPP'S FORM FINE

The magnificent bowling of Spr. Tropp was the feature of a friendly cricket match played at Soekunpoo yesterday between Fortresses, Royal Engineers and Royal Army Pay Corps. Thanks chiefly to Tropp's efforts—he also top-scored for his side—the Sapper team were able to win by six wickets.

Tropp conceded 16 runs in his first four overs, whilst taking only one wicket, but he then took three wickets for no runs in his fifth over and took his remaining five wickets in the course of three overs for 11 runs. In the face of this bowling Ingleby and Blount did very well with the bat to score 39 runs between them of their side's total of 68.

Saddler bowled well for R.A.P.C., taking 5 for 25.

	R.A.P.C.		
Ingleby, b Tropp	19		
Jones, b Tropp	5		
Blount, not out	20		
Saddler, b Tropp	0		
Shorthouse, b Tropp	0		
Dixon, b Tropp	1		
Hennings, b Shipp	2		
Pendergast, b Tropp	5		
Carden, c Kehoe, b Tropp	5		
Pinkney, b Tropp	0		
Smart, b Tropp	0		
Extras (Bil)	11		
Total	68		

	Bowling Analysis		
	O	M	R
Tropp	6	1	27
Holliday	3	0	12
Shipp	3	0	14
Bailey	1	0	4

	R.E.		
Lieut. Holliday, l.b.w., b Dixon	9		
Spr. Tropp, c and b Saddler	25		
Spr. Bailey, b Dixon	4		
Sgt. Shipp, b Dixon	9		
Spr. Goss, l.b.w., b Dixon	15		
S/Sgt. Kehoe, l.b.w., b Saddler	2		
Spr. Denyer, not out	22		
Cpl. Hawkins, b Saddler	0		
C.S.M. Gals, b Saddler	0		
Spr. Noides, b Saddler	0		
Extras (B4, LB2)	6		
Total (for 9 wks.)	92		

	Bowling Analysis		
	O	M	R
Dixon	7	0	56
Saddler	6.3	0	25
Blount	1	0	5

Sea Jay (Mr. Proulx). On past performances, Happy Landings, which won the Charters Towers Handicap, should win here if it can produce its old form, but if it fails, Derby Day, which was third in the above race may do the trick. Cockleroi looks dangerous at 140 lb. and, although it has done nothing of note, is very fit at the moment and should be worth watching. Franklin, since its win in the Koala Handicap when carrying 165 lb., has not had another win to its credit, but it may do so to-morrow in view of the short distance. The same remarks apply to A Great Time. Sea Jay may have a say in this race if it can get off to a flying start, otherwise I cannot see it winning.

Race No. 8. CASTLE PEAK HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

This is the final event of the day and second section of "D" Class China ponies will participate. Double Chance (Mr. Chao) is given top-weight of 108 lb. which I consider is sufficient to prevent it winning, while Plet Hein (Mr. P. P. Botelho), which won the Hunan Handicap (Second Section) with Mr. Wei up, has been penalised by 7 lb. also has little chance. On the other hand, Bressay (Mr. Hearne), which lost to Plet Hein in the above race, should have a chance of beating the latter pony to-morrow.

Palmer (Mr. Wei), although fast over sprint races, will probably find the distance a bit too great, but Gold Coin, which was third to Bressay, will again be taken out by Mr. Liang and over this distance will probably do better.

Valorous (Mr. Needa) should not be disregarded, although old, and is quite likely to cause an upset.

Salvage Master (Mr. Tao) is another pony to watch as it has regained some of its old form, while Jack O'Lantern, which won the Kuo Hua Handicap at Macao last Sunday with Mr. Black on top, if again taken out by the same jockey, should not be disregarded.



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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

THE fourth and last match in the first round of the Ewo Indoor Bowling Competition was played off on November 7.

The match was between the "Hyjacks" and the "Termites", and resulted as expected in a very decided win for the "Hyjacks" by no less than 460 pins. The individual scores were as follows:

"Hyjacks"	"Termites"
Ernie Hearther 521	D. Parsons 390
Doc Molthen 501	E. A. Gaubert 376
C. Williams 411	G. J. P. Carey 354
H. Waller 403	E. H. Brazel 247

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The "Termites" did not bowl anything like their usual, but this can be accounted for from the fact that this team, as a team, had never played in a match game before, and it was truly very sporting of them to enter the competition. What they lacked in brilliancy of bowling they made up with good natured banter.

Ernie Hearther, for the "Hyjacks", was top scorer for the match with 521, and as the rules of the competition call for only three games to be played in the preliminary rounds, his average worked out at almost 174 pins per game; he was very consistent, as he always is, and he made 173, 172, 176.

Waller and Williams, for the "Hyjacks", did not do very well at all, probably due to the fact that both players were comparatively new to the Alleys, and no doubt felt a little strange.

Parsons for the "Termites" was top scorer for his team with a fair 390 or 130 pins per game but I have seen him do much better than this.

Elmy Again

Private Elmy of Royal Scots was again in the limelight on Sunday, when he bagged a good 224 to beat his 211 made on November 4. His effort on Sunday was as follows:—a strike on his first and second frames, a spare on his third and fourth frames, a nine on his fifth frame, a strike on his sixth frame, a spare on his seventh frame, then three strikes in a row on his eighth, ninth and 10th frames, to make two more strikes with the two extra balls, his total score being 224. This effort made him top scorer for the month, but he did not long remain in this coveted position, for Cpl. Blount of Royal Signals netted a brilliant 233 on Armistice Day, his score-sheet showing that he started off with five strikes in a row, on his first, second, third, fourth and fifth frames, then he had a bad split on his sixth frame, to make an 8 with his first ball, and 9 with his second ball. He then made a spare in his seventh and eighth frames, a strike on his ninth and 10th frames, a nine with his first extra ball and a spare with the second one, to make a total of 233.

Ewo Competition

The first of the semi-finals in the Ewo Indoor Bowling Competition was played off on Tuesday. It was between the "Daredevils" and the "Hyjacks" and resulted in a win for the "Daredevils" by 247 pins.

Five games were played, as, according to the rules of the competition, five games had to be played in the Semi-Final and Final.

L. Gaddi for the "Daredevils" was unavoidably absent and the services of that old veteran bowler Chief Petty Officer F. Spenko were called upon, and as can be seen by his score he was a very useful acquisition for his team. The individual scores were as follows:

"Daredevils"	"Hyjacks"
F. Spenko 905	Ernie Hearther 994
H. Blount 898	Doc Molthen 965
J. M. Watts 848	H. Waller 637
J. S. Landolt 823	C. Williams 629

3472

3223

The top score for the match was bagged by Hearther for the Hyjacks with a brilliant 994 pins, or an average of almost 199, another six pins would have made him 1,000 with an average of 200 pins per game; there was no doubt that Hearther bowled like one inspired for he registered three scores of over 200 out of his five games, a good 208 on his first game, a 210 on his third game and 213 on his fifth game.

Doc Molthen for the Hyjacks, during his game, bagged the highest individual score for the match—he made a brilliant 245 on his fifth game—and also has the honour of being the highest scorer for the month in the Alleys. His score sheet shows that he started off

with a spare on his first, second, third frames, and then four strikes in succession on his fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh frames, a spare on his eighth frame, then two strikes on his ninth and 10th frames, and a strike and a 9 with the two extra balls.

There was no doubt about the consistently high standard of bowling of the Daredevils, who registered one of the highest scores for a four-players five-games match registered in these Alleys, that is 3472. On looking back through the records I find that this phenomenal score has only been registered twice before, for in the Champs versus the Alleys Team played on March 5, 1940—the Champs put up 3580, and in the match Champs versus U.S.S. Gold Star on July 20, 1939, they scored 3491.

Spenko The Star

In the match played on Tuesday night, Chief Petty Officer Spenko, who substituted for L. Gaddi for the Daredevils, was the Star Bowler for his side. He netted a useful 905 and the feature of his bowling was his wonderfully consistent bowling, his lowest for the five games being 175 and his highest 189—his scores were 177, 189, 175, 183, and 181. This score helped very materially in the victory for his team.

Landolt for the Daredevils was also below his usual but his 823 or an average of 165 pins per game helped very materially in

Sappers Beat R.A.S.C. At Soccer

By "Sportshawk"

Displaying good short interpassing by all the forwards and safe clearances by the goalie, Royal Engineers decidedly deserved their victory in a Second Division League football match when they defeated R.A.S.C. by three clear goals at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon. The Sappers scored once before the interval.

Moxham, the former Colony Interporter, played a brilliant game when called upon, but this was very seldom, while Palmer worked very hard throughout in front of him, but Tang Chung-pak made the mistake of underestimating his opponents and came very near to losing goals for the Sappers. Tang, however, came into the picture in the second half

during which period he made but few errors.

The Sappers' pivot, Shaw (Capt.) was the mainstay of the half-back line. He checked his opposing centre-forward, Clarke, very well and gave him very little rope. In the second period when he was fully supported by his right-half, Birrell, Shaw forced the pace and kept the forwards constantly supplied with good passes.

Sappers' Forwards On Form

All the Engineer forwards were on form, though in some instances they appeared to overwork their interpassing. Their timely, unselfish and accurate short passes were, however, worth watching.

Mattison, the keeper for Signals, was very unlucky to have a pair of poor backs in front of him, for, as far as his part was concerned, he did his best. Though he was severely tested, he managed to save on numerous occasions.

C.C.C. CRICKET ELEVENS

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club in friendly cricket matches against the Royal Scots on Saturday and the Volunteers on Sunday:

Saturday, at 2.30 p.m.:—A. M. Omar (Capt.); N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, U. K. Esmail, H. C. Foreman, M. C. Hung, B. R. France, C. W. Lam, E. J. Mitchell, G. Souza, W. K. Way.
Sunday, at 2 p.m.:—E. Zimmern (Capt.); P. J. Billimoria, N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, A. Hung, A. J. Hulse, W. Hong Sing, A. K. Esmail, C. W. Lam, T. Lock, W. K. Way.

Hammond and Smart, the two wing-halves, played a sound enough game and held their own positions quite well.

The Signals forwards had scoring opportunities which they seldom missed. Morgan and Young were the pick of them. These two players apparently overfed Martin, the left-winger, and received insufficient support otherwise they might have at least scored once.

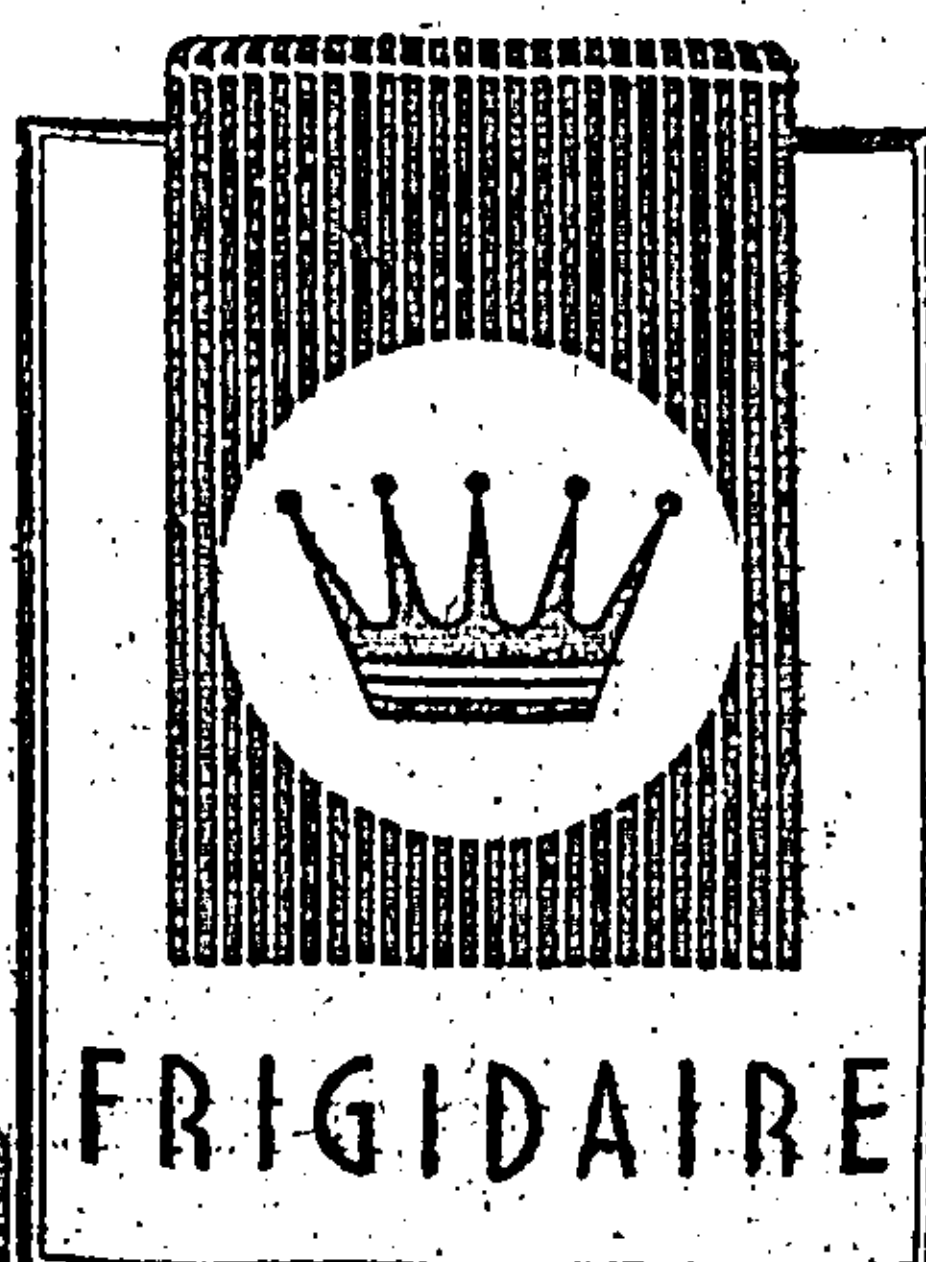
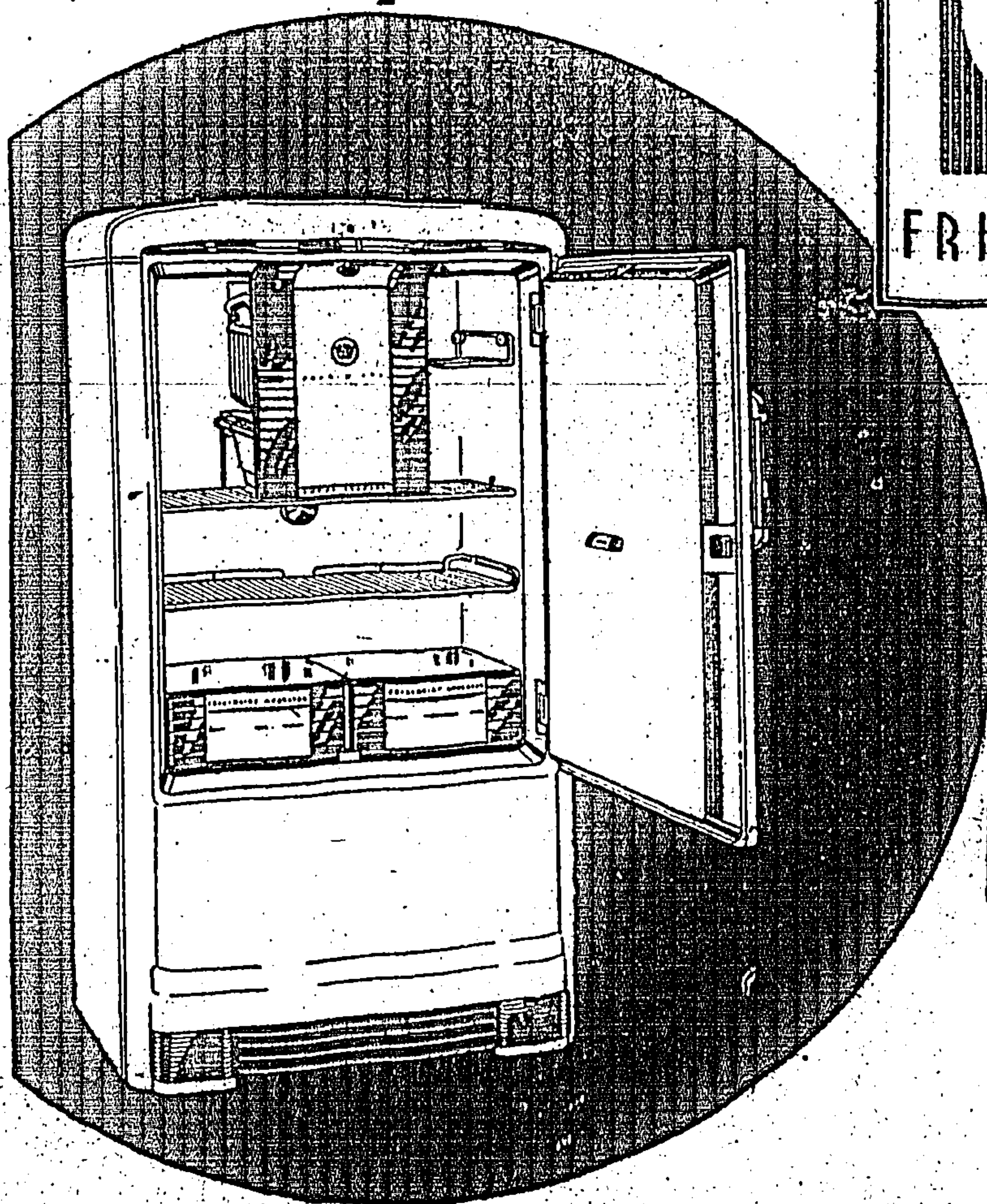
The Scorers

Fox, another former Colony Interporter, scored a quick goal for the Sappers about three minutes after the whistle from a pass from Pelham and the second goal was also netted within three minutes on the resumption by Pelham from a centre from Li Wai-nam, while the last goal was registered in the middle stage through Li Wai-nam from a pass from Fox.

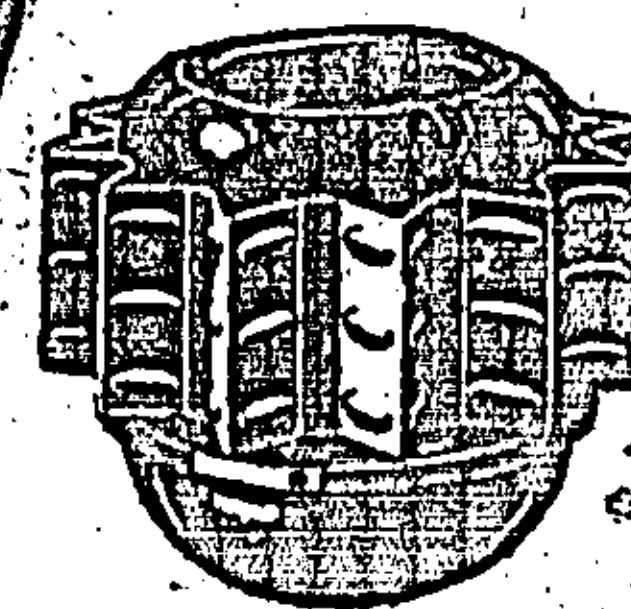
Royal Engineers:—Moxham; Palmer and Tang Chung-pak; Birrell, Shaw and Taylor; Li Wai-nam, Chan Kum-poy, Fox, Pelham and Chung Sing.

R.A.S.C.:—Mattison; Bradshaw and Hamlen; Smart, Murray, and Hammond; Glen, Morgan, Clarke, Young and Martin.

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NEW DEAL PLOT RUMOURS

An Astonishing Story Comes Out Of Washington

EUROPE'S LAST DOOR --LISBON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
"Europe's last door" — Lisbon — is witnessing a considerable trans-Atlantic air traffic, with Jews the most numerous passengers.

It is anticipated that 2,500 Jews will be leaving Lisbon before January, while berths on the trans-Atlantic Clippers are booked until the middle of January.

The American steamer *Excalibur* sailed on Wednesday with 120 passengers, almost all Jews.

The Brazilian steamer *Siqueira* is leaving soon with 200 Jewish refugees.

Unusual Appearance

Certain quarters of Lisbon have assumed an unusual appearance, with cafes and restaurants full of refugees, who are exchanging information on the possibilities of emigration to various countries on the other side of the Atlantic.

All hotels, expensive and cheap, are so overcrowded that the casual traveller is hardly able to secure accommodation.

The police are strictly supervising the activities of all refugees, preventing all political activity and cooperating with many Jewish philanthropic associations. — Havas.

METERS STOLEN

Water meters were stolen yesterday from Nos. 39 and 43 Nathan Road and No. 8, Hart Avenue, and the cover of a meter from No. 45, Hankow Road.

"Aimed At Mr. Kennedy"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

IT IS ALLEGED IN Washington by opponents of the Administration that the inner circle of the New Deal, flushed with their part in Roosevelt's third-term victory, are drafting an ambitious programme of political activity in the hope of forcing sweeping changes in the Administration.

The New Deal faction, headed by what the Hearst Press calls the "Brain Trust Twins"—Thomas Corcoran and Benjamin Cohen—would, it is suggested, like to see:—

POT AND KETTLE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

According to the newspaper "Le Journal," the Vichy Government is now receiving a number of appeals from "dissident officers and soldiers."

The paper says that these are merely young men who realised the pitiful fate into which they were thrown "by a handful of ambitious, unscrupulous men!"

The French Government, the newspaper continues, will heed such appeals since it knows that these young men realised that "the whole nation formed an invisible bloc around the glorious leader which incarnates its unity!"

"This chief will certainly agree that these young people take their natural place in the effort towards restoration!" — Havas.

First, a new Department of Aviation created, with Mayor La Guardia of New York as its Secretary.

Second, Mr. Henry Stimson retire from the post of War Secretary.

Third, the Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes retire so that the Attorney-General, Mr. Jackson, can be promoted to head the Supreme Court; and

Fourth, that the "smear campaign" be resumed against Mr. J. Edgar Hoover in the hope that he be forced to retire and a good "New Dealer" named as head of the F.B.I.

The proposal to create a Department of Aviation has many ramifications. New Deal strategists are talking of giving the proposed Cabinet member all the civil aviation and the entire war plane procurement programme.

Final Word

This would take civil aviation from the Department of Commerce and the final word in war plane construction from the National Defence Commission.

The plan is aimed indirectly at Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, Ambassador to London, who is now expected to resign and who, the strategists believe, may become chairman of the National Defence Commission.

The Corcoran/Cohen group have been major enemies of Mr. Kennedy for years.

They are said to have started the campaign to embarrass Chief Justice Hughes.

The opening shots were fired last week in stories forecasting his early retirement. — International News Service.

VICHY WAR ON INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE DECREE ON WEDNESDAY WHICH PROVIDED FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE MOST POWERFUL FRENCH LABOUR AND EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATIONS (WHICH HITHERTO HAVE PLAYED A PARAMOUNT ROLE IN FRENCH ECONOMIC LIFE) WAS TAKEN UNDER THE LAW OF AUGUST 16, 1940 ON "PROVISIONAL ORGANISATION OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION." EMPOWERING THE VICHY GOVERNMENT TO DISSOLVE ALL ORGANISATIONS WORKING ON A SCALE AND WHICH THUS TENDED TO HAVE A POLITICAL CHARACTER.

All property of the dissolved bodies is being temporarily administered by the State.

The dissolution of the "Comite des Forges" and "Comite des Houilleres," which practically controlled the output and marketing of coal and steel, was taken under the same law, which provided for the dissolving of professional organisations whose existence might be detrimental to the new organisation of industry.

The two latter bodies will be replaced by a Committee for the Organisation of Metallurgy, and a Committee for the Organisation of the Coal Industry, working under Government control, which means that the production and distribution of essential raw and semi-finished materials for heavy industry fall under the control of the State. — Havas.

STOP PRESS

A series of counter-attacks resulting in Greek advances are reported from all three sectors of the Italo/Greek front. Only a small gap on the north-east front remains to be closed.

On the southern front, the Greeks have crossed the Kalamas River, pushing the Italian troops into Albania. In the central (Pindus) sector the Greeks have now taken up the positions they held on the first day of the war and have almost completed mopping up the remnants of the routed Alpini division.

Ten Italian planes were shot down yesterday for the loss of only three Greek machines.

Larissa, in Eastern Greece, was heavily bombed from the air yesterday and many casualties were caused. — Reuter.

Sir Shenton Thomas, G.C.M.G., Governor of the Federated Malay States, is arriving in the Colony next week, accompanied by Lady Thomas, en route to Singapore. An official dinner party in His Excellency's honour will be given at Government House on Friday evening.

APPOINTMENT OF AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, FAR EAST, IS THE OUTCOME OF THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE THREE SERVICES ON THE BEST MEANS OF CO-ORDINATING BRITISH AND DOMINION LAND AND AIR FORCES FOR THE DEFENCE OF SINGAPORE, ACCORDING TO THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH'S" DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

SIR ROBERT BROOKE-POPHAM, HE WRITES, WILL NOT EXERCISE CONTROL OVER THE NAVAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, CHINA STATION, WHOSE RESPONSIBILITIES EXTEND FAR BEYOND THE DEFENCE OF MALAYA. — REUTER.

YOUTHS ARRESTED

SNATCHING OF WRIST WATCHES FROM SCHOOL GIRLS ENDED YESTERDAY IN THE ARREST OF THREE YOUTHS BY DET.-SGT. H. J. BALDWIN.

Before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning, Yuen Keng-chuen, 17, Wong Tsze, 21, and Wong Sui, 18, were charged with snatching.

The first lad, who had three previous convictions, and the second, who had one previous conviction, were given three months' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane.

The third boy, Wong Sui, who was, according to Det.-Sgt. Baldwin, a school boy and belonged to a respectable family, said that he snatched the watch because he wanted money to buy a ferry ticket since he had lost the money his father had given him. He was given a week's hard labour and 10 strokes.

YOUNG NORWEGIAN REPORTED MISSING

Marquis Ruus, a Norwegian employed on board a ship in Harbour, is reported missing since Monday.

He is 22 or 23 years of age, is stoutly built and of dark complexion.

A Dutch naval flying-boat has crashed near Soerabaya, says a Batavia message. Five of the crew were killed and one was injured. — Reuter.

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